

# Indian Ridge Ward

June 2017 – The Book of Mormon

The Sacrament Theme for June is the Book of Mormon. Following is a compilation of thoughts about the Book of Mormon from church leaders, scholars, and others.

*“I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion.”* Joseph Smith, TPJS, p. 194

*“A man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book.”* Joseph Smith, TPJS, p. 194

Catholic sociologist Thomas O’Dea quipped in 1957, *“The Book of Mormon has not been universally considered by its critics as one of those books that must be read in order to have an opinion of it.”*

*“It is a surprisingly big book,”* remarked Hugh Nibley, *“supplying quite enough rope for a charlatan to hang himself a hundred times. As the work of an imposter, it must unavoidably bear all the marks of fraud. It should be poorly organized, shallow, artificial, patchy and unoriginal. It should display a pretentious vocabulary (the Book of Mormon uses only 3,000 words), overdrawn stock characters, melodramatic situations, gaudy and overdone descriptions, and bombastic diction.”* However, Nibley continues, *“Whether one believes its story or not, the severest critic of the Book of Mormon, if he reads it with care at all, must admit that it is the exact opposite. ... It is carefully organized, specific, sober, factual and perfectly consistent.”* Hugh Nibley, *Since Cumorah* (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book and FARMS, 1988), 337–338.

*“A friend of mine once told me about his experience in coming to know and understand the gift of the Holy Ghost. He had prayed often and longed to know the truth of the gospel.”*

*“Although he felt at peace with his beliefs, he had never received the certain knowledge for which he hungered. He had reconciled himself to the fact that he might be one of those who would have to walk through this life relying upon the faith of others.*

*“One morning, while pondering the scriptures, he felt something surge through his body from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet. ‘I was immersed in a feeling of such intense love and pure joy,’ he explained. ‘I cannot describe the measure of what I felt at that time other than to say I was enveloped in joy so profound there was no room in me for any other sensation.’*

*“Even as he felt this outpouring of the Holy Ghost, he wondered if possibly he was just imagining what was happening. ‘The more I wondered,’ he said, ‘the more intense the feelings became until it was all I could do to tearfully say, ‘It is enough.’”*  
The Unspeakable Gift, Joseph B. Wirthlin, April 2003 General Conference

*“During our evening conversations, Joseph would occasionally give us some of the most amusing recitals that could be imagined. He would describe the ancient inhabitants of this continent, their dress, mode of traveling, and the animals upon which they rode; their cities, their buildings, with every particular; their mode of warfare; and also their religious worship. This he would do with as much ease, seemingly, as if he had spent his whole life with them.”* Lucy Mack Smith, *Biographical Sketches of Joseph Smith the Prophet*, first ed. (Liverpool: Published for Orson Pratt by S. W. Richards, 1853), pp. 84–85.

Some critics cast doubt on the Book of Mormon because it quotes the Bible. Hugh Nibley answered this form of criticism based on modern research:  
*“[One of the] most devastating argument[s] against the Book of Mormon was that it actually quoted the Bible. The early critics were simply staggered by the incredible stupidity of including large sections of the Bible in a book which they insisted was specifically designed to fool the Bible-reading public. They screamed blasphemy and plagiarism at the top of their lungs, but today any biblical scholar knows that it would be extremely suspicious if a book purporting to be the product of a society of pious emigrants from Jerusalem in ancient times did not quote the Bible. No lengthy religious writing of the Hebrews could conceivably be genuine if it was not full of scriptural quotations.”* Church News, 29 July 1961: 10, 15.

Even unbelieving students of the Book of Mormon who consider it a work of fiction would agree with Hugh Nibley's assessment:

*"The Book of Mormon is a colossal structure. Considered purely as fiction, it is a performance without parallel. What other volume can approach this wealth of detail and tight-woven complexity, this factual precision combined with simple, open lucidity? Any book we choose is feeble by comparison... the Book of Mormon combines these usually incompatible qualities in a structure of flawless consistency... this terse, compact religious history of a thousand years is something utterly beyond the scope of creative writing."* (Hugh W. Nibley, *Since Cumorah*, p. 138-139).

The last testimony of Martin Harris was given to Elder William Harrison Homer, who was with him at the time of his death. Elder Homer recorded:  
*"The next day, July 10, 1875, marked the end. It was in the evening. It was milking time, and Martin Harris, Jr., and his wife, Nancy Homer Harris, had gone out to milk and to do the evening's chores. In the house with the stricken man were left my mother, Eliza Williamson Homer, and myself, who had had so interesting a day with Martin Harris at Kirtland. I stood by the bedside holding the patient's right hand and my mother at the foot of the bed, Martin Harris had been unconscious for a number of days. When we first entered the room the old gentleman appeared to be sleeping. He soon woke up and asked for a drink of water. I put my arm under the old gentleman, raised him, and my mother held the glass to his lips. He drank freely, then he looked up at me and recognized me. He said, 'I know you. You are my friend.' He said, 'Yes, I did see the plates on which the Book of Mormon was written; I did see the angel; I did hear the voice of God; and I do know that Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God, holding the keys of the Holy Priesthood.' This was the end. Martin Harris, divinely-chosen witness of the work of God, relaxed, gave up my hand. He lay back on his pillow and just as the sun went down behind the Clarkston mountains, the soul of Martin Harris passed on.... (Signed) William Harrison Homer."*

*"...if the Book of Mormon is true, then Jesus is the Christ, Joseph Smith was his prophet, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is true, and it is being led today by a prophet receiving revelation."* (Ezra Taft Benson, *Ensign*, May 1975, p. 65.)

The Bishopric

# Relief Society

We want to once again thank you for another successful "Days for Girls" evening. With the help of the Heytesbury and Pinehurst Wards we were able to accomplish much. Many willing hands and hearts will bless the lives of many sweet young girls.

Welcome Kristy Jones to the Relief Society as the music chorister. We know how important music contributes to our lesson and appreciate your willingness to serve.

Congratulations to Dallas and Elizabeth Fullmer on the arrival of sweet Maggie. She is getting stronger and they are so thankful for the many prayers and love of our Ward Family. We wish Kevin and Barbara Pasker and Norvell and Elva Hofling well as they leave our Ward Family for new experiences. We will miss you. Thank you for your example and service.

Congratulations to Kathy Locke and Richard Brierley on their upcoming wedding on June 30th. Congratulations to Emily Lloyd and Derek Hill on their upcoming wedding on July 1st. We send our love and best wishes.

Congratulations to our graduating high school seniors Hattie Ellis and Tori Weight. We wish you success with your future plans.

Aimee Allen has moved back in to our ward. She put in for the Salt Lake base and was accepted, much to her surprise and delight. We're glad to have her back.

## **Upcoming Relief Society lessons for June:**

- 4th Chapter 11: Home: The Basis of a Righteous Life - Kara McLeskey
- 11th Stake Conference 10:00 a.m.
- 18th Chapter 12: Obedience: Simply Live the Gospel - Janis Kershaw
- 25th Whatsoever He Saith Unto You, Do It - Conference talk by  
L. Whitney Clayton - Lori Hanson

This month we also have the opportunity and blessing to serve at Alta Ridge Care Center. Thank you for signing up to help with Relief Society on each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our sweet sisters love our time with them.

We also want to thank everyone for your care and service given to our Ward Family. We up have had many, many needs and you are blessing the lives of so many. Your willingness to serve is truly a blessing. You are amazing. We love you!

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

## Young Men

### Teachers/Priests

**Tuesday, June 6**

Young Men Activity

**Wednesday, June 14**

Stake Trek Check-In  
(drop off your stuff for Trek  
at the church) - 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 15 - Saturday, June 17**

Stake Pioneer Handcart Trek

**Tuesday, June 20**

Young Men Activity

**Tuesday, June 27**

Young Men Activity

**Wednesday, July 19 - Saturday, July 22**

Backpacking Trip.

### Deacons

**Thursday, July 6 - Saturday, July 8**

Scout Camp  
Uintah National Forest  
just outside of Kamas, UT

## Young Women

**Tuesday, June 6**

Service Activity - making craft kits  
meet at the church at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 13**

Beehive Social at Georgeann's  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday - Saturday, June 15-17**

Stake Pioneer Handcart Trek  
(14-18 year old youth) (Make sure  
you are walking in preparation)

**Tuesday, June 20**

Pre-camp morning hike at 9 a.m. -  
there will be more details to come

**Tuesday, June 27**

Mother/Daughter dinner  
at Georgeann's house at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday - Saturday, July 5-8**

Girls' Camp  
at Rigby's cabin at Bear Lake

**Monday - Friday, July 31 - August 4**

Brighton Beehive Camp





# Primary

## Yearly Theme:

Choose the Right

**Monthly Theme:** I Choose the Right by Living Gospel Principles.

**Monthly Scripture:** "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commanded them." (1 Nephi 3:7)



## Neighborhood End of School Party - June 7th

1487 Shoshone (Jenn Anderson's home) - 4-5 p.m.

Water Games

Please come in play clothes that you don't mind getting wet!

Friends Welcome

Hot Dogs and Treat Provided

**Primary CDs to help the children learn and memorize the songs for the Program will be coming soon. Please look for them and help your kids be excited about the music!**

The Primary Presidency

## High Priests

Our Ward Temple Sealings time is the second Friday of each month at 7 p.m.

This month it will be on June 9th.

## Choir

We will be doing an impromptu choir on the third Sunday of the month in June and July. We will be singing a hymn out of the hymn book, there will be no rehearsals. All are invited to participate.



## Family History

**Need help  
finding ancestors  
to take to  
the temple?**

Do you want to get started  
on Family History  
but don't know where to start?

Just visit our stake's  
**FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**  
at the Buttercup Building  
(1600 East Buttercup Drive)  
NW entrance

Open:

**Tuesdays 1-4 p.m.**

**Wednesdays 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.**

*Indian Ridge Ward  
Family History Consultants:*

Chris Duffy 801-661-2140  
*christees40@yahoo.com*

Gina Messerly 801-300-6259  
*ginamesserly@msn.com*

Oriana Reyes 385-445-3194  
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**When you plan your family temple  
excursions, and if you don't have any of  
your own cards to take, there are MANY  
available from other ward members who  
would LOVE to have the help with getting  
their family ordinances done.**

**Contact [dbmahler@velvetshadow.com](mailto:dbmahler@velvetshadow.com) for  
available cards.**

## Happy Birthday!

### June 2017

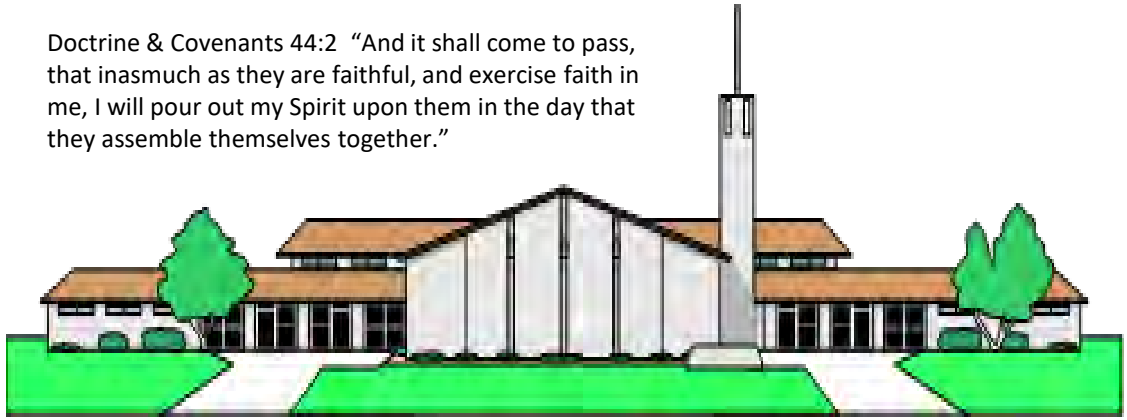
- 1 Allison Terry
- 2 Bob Schildmeyer
- 3 Amber Weight
- 4 Mary Bye  
Daphne Munteer  
David Thorne  
Joyce Walkenhorst
- 6 Kelly McCarthy  
Gina Messerly  
Kylee Ray
- 10 Kim Evans  
Kim Leshar  
Mason Miles
- 11 Kaleigh Glauser  
Kessley Johnson
- 12 Dallas Fullmer  
Deanna Nielsen  
Shawna Zitzelsberger
- 14 Andrew West
- 15 Linda Packard
- 16 Elizabeth Fullmer  
Carson Terry
- 19 Aiden Potter  
Jack Thompson
- 20 Darlene Curtis
- 21 Craig Roberts
- 23 Shelly Glauser  
Parker McLeskey
- 26 Ron Baarz  
Chloe Glauser  
Linda Hackett  
Nathan Wilson
- 27 Mary Ann Ebmeyer
- 28 Connie Baker  
Gary Johnson  
Jennifer Johnson  
Tanner Murphy  
Vivienne Sullivan

### July 2017

- 2 Sawyer Glauser
- 3 Ryan Terry

# Sandy Utah East Stake Conference

Doctrine & Covenants 44:2 "And it shall come to pass, that inasmuch as they are faithful, and exercise faith in me, I will pour out my Spirit upon them in the day that they assemble themselves together."



## Stake Temple Week June 4-9

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

## 1st General Session

Saturday, June 10, 2017  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Invited:** all 18 and over

## Stake Priesthood Leadership Session

Sunday, June 11, 2017

7:00 am □ 9:00 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

## 2nd General Session

Sunday, June 11, 2017

10:00 am - noon

**Invited:** everyone

**Sandy Utah East Stake □ 9636 South 1700 East □ Sandy, Utah**

## Our Ward Missionaries

### Elder David Coleman Lloyd

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2005 North 900 East, Unit 202

Provo, UT 84602

### 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

### Bruce and Vivienne Sullivan

Helsinki Finland Temple Mission

Leppäsillantie 3,

FI-02620 Espoo, Finland

Check out their missionary blog at:

**[SullivansinFinland.blogspot.com](http://SullivansinFinland.blogspot.com)**

### Joshua Ellis

Dominican Republic

Santo Domingo West Mission

### Ward Missionaries:

Robert & Carrie Burnett

Jim & Myrna Christensen

Richard & Linda Hackett

Ryan & Allison Terry