

# Indian Ridge Ward

March 2017 – Gospel Casualness

Each month we have a ward sacrament meeting theme. For the month of March the theme is, “Gospel Casualness”. Another way to think of March’s theme is to borrow a phrase from the Doctrine and Covenants, “anxiously engaged”, and morph it into, “Casually engaged.”

Imagine on the grounds of our ward house we have numerous fruit-laden gospel trees where we can pick all the fruit we want to nourish ourselves spiritually. The easily-accessible lower hanging fruit provide basic blessings from the organization of the Church. Those who partake of the lower-hanging fruit are blessed with a Ward Family. Good people to mingle with and share in the blessings of music and gospel teachings that make them better people. Each one of the lower-hanging fruit has a label indicating it is Terrestrial Fruit.

However, the most spiritually nourishing gospel fruit is on the higher branches. This fruit is labeled Celestial Fruit. Picking fruit from the higher branches requires more dedication and effort. The higher-hanging fruit provides spiritual nourishment that results in greater manifestations of the Holy Ghost. Why? Because church members picking higher-hanging fruit are exercising great faith in Jesus Christ. Those who partake of the higher-hanging fruit have their prayers answered more readily and experience more abundantly the gifts of the Spirit that flow from the companionship of the Holy Ghost.

Church members casually engaged in their discipleship prefer to pick from the lower-hanging fruit. They have some things in common with Amulek. Amulek described his casual engagement in Book of Mormon parlance: “...I was called many times and I would not hear; therefore I knew concerning these things, yet I would not know...” (Alma 10:6)

Today, apostles and prophets invite church members who are casually engaged to turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart. In October 2005, General Conference Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf contrasted the higher-hanging fruit from the lower-hanging fruit:

“The Church, with all its organizational structure and programs, offers many important activities for its members aimed at helping families and individuals to serve God and each other. Sometimes, however, it can appear that

these programs and activities are closer to the center of our heart and soul than the core doctrines and principles of the gospel. Procedures, programs, policies, and patterns of organization are helpful for our spiritual progress here on earth, but let's not forget that they are subject to change.

In contrast, the core of the gospel—the doctrine and the principles—will never change. Living according to the basic gospel principles will bring power, strength, and spiritual self-reliance into the lives of all Latter-day Saints.” Elder M. Russell Ballard in April 1996 General Conference urged church members to seek for higher blessings:

“We must have personal, spiritual experiences to anchor us. These come through seeking them in the same intense, single-minded way that a hungry person seeks food.”

President Russell M. Nelson admonished men to seek for priesthood power in April 2016 General Conference. He is referring to men who attend church but are not seeking for the higher-hanging fruit. *“Recently, Wendy and I were in a meeting where the organist was poised and ready to play the opening hymn. His eyes were on the music, and his fingers were on the keys. He began pressing the keys, but there was no sound. I whispered to Wendy, “He has no power.” I reasoned that something had stopped the flow of electrical power to that organ.*

*Well, brethren, in like manner, I fear that there are too many men who have been given the authority of the priesthood but who lack priesthood power because the flow of power has been blocked by sins such as laziness, dishonesty, pride, immorality, or preoccupation with things of the world. I fear that there are too many priesthood bearers who have done little or nothing to develop their ability to access the powers of heaven. I worry about all who are impure in their thoughts, feelings, or actions or who demean their wives or children, thereby cutting off priesthood power.”*

President Nelson didn't mince words. He diagnosed the problem with plainness of language, explaining why too many priesthood holders lack power in the priesthood.

Laziness

Dishonesty

Pride

Immorality

Preoccupation with things of the world

Impure thoughts, feelings, actions

Demean their wives or children.

President Nelson continued with a sobering prophecy. *"I urgently plead with each one of us to live up to our privileges as bearers of the priesthood. In a coming day, only those men who have taken their priesthood seriously, by diligently seeking to be taught by the Lord Himself, will be able to bless, guide, protect, strengthen, and heal others. Only a man who has paid the price for priesthood power will be able to bring miracles to those he loves and keep his marriage and family safe, now and throughout eternity."*

Certainly, there are many in our ward who are partaking of the higher-hanging fruit. If there are any who feel they need to lengthen their reach to pick the higher-hanging fruit and are unsure about how to do so, the Lord has agents in our ward that can help. Bishop Milne and various priesthood and sister leaders and teachers are available to help. We invite all to deepen their discipleship by focusing their attention and effort on obtaining the higher-hanging fruit. The Savior said, "Blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost." (3 Nephi 12:6)

The Bishopric

## Primary

### Yearly Theme:

Choose the Right

### March Theme:

Living Prophets

Teach Me to Choose the Right

### March Scripture:

"O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the Commandments of God" (alma 37:35)

### March 26th at 6:00 p.m. Baptism Preview

The Primary Presidency



# Relief Society

Come and help celebrate Relief Society's 175th Birthday on **Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.** We are celebrating "Seasons of Sisterhood". Come and enjoy a yummy salad bar, laughs, and great company. Thank you to our Relief Society committee for planning a wonderful night for all. We also want to welcome Bobbie Thorne to our committee.

## Upcoming Relief Society lessons for March:

- 5th Presidency Message - Kim Leshner
- 12th Chapter 5: Daughters of God - Kara McLeskey
- 19th Chapter 6: How Mighty a Thing is Prayer - Janis Kershaw
- 26th Sharing the Restored Gospel:  
Conference talk by Elder Dallin H. Oaks - Lori Hanson

## Dates to remember:

- March 12 - Daylight Savings Time
- March 15 - Relief Society Birthday Party at 6:30 p.m.
- March 25 - General Conference Women's Conference at 6:00 p.m.
- April 1-2 - General Conference
- May 10 - Days for Girls 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Through His example, the Savior taught us how to watch over and strengthen one another. We want to thank you for all your many acts of kindness and service as we encourage and serve and love one another. You are all so amazing!

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

## Happy Birthday!

### March 2017

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Peri Eby       | 14 Susan Johnson    |
| Erika Weight     | 16 Charlene Farr    |
| 5 Charee Haislip | 17 Jennie Bangerter |
| 6 Emmett Fullmer | 19 Taylor Eby       |
| 7 Shauna Francom | 21 Kathie Hancock   |
| Ginny Moon       | 22 Rebecca McLain   |
| 8 Lucia Kershaw  | Landon Mirci        |
| 9 Wade Mauer     | Kris Robbins        |
| 13 Eliza Rigby   | 23 Kristy Jones     |

- 23 Julie Phommabout
- 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

### April 2017

- 1 Spencer Ellis  
Jim Hanson  
Isabelle Hauber  
David Jones



## Young Men

**Tuesday, March 7**

YM/YW Combined Activity  
Face to Face with President Eyring  
and Elder Jeffrey R. Holland  
7 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 14**

Family Search Activity - 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 22**

Baptisms at the Draper Temple  
7 p.m.

Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 28**

Young Men Activity - 7 p.m.

**The Teachers and Priests are  
working on reading the Book  
of Mormon in 90 days:**

by Sunday, March 5

read to Page 90 (2 Nephi 19)

by Sunday, March 12

read to Page 132 (Jacob 5)

by Sunday, March 19

read to Page 174 (Mosiah 14)

by Sunday, March 26

read to Page 216 (Alma 4)

**Save the dates for these  
fun things this Summer:**

**July 19 - 22 - The Teachers and  
Priests Camp**

**June 15-17 - Stake Handcart Trek**

## Young Women

**Tuesday, March 7**

Watch Face to Face broadcast at  
Danielle Ellis' house with speakers  
President Eyring and Elder Jeffrey  
R. Holland - 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 14**

Favorite Things / Favorite Foods  
7:00 p.m. at the church

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**July 5-8 - Girl's Camp**

**July 31-August 4 - Brighton Beehive  
Camp**



## Our Ward Missionaries

**Elder David Coleman Lloyd**  
AUG02 ARG-CMRV  
2005 North 900 East, Unit 202  
Provo, UT 84602

**Gary and Susan Johnson**  
Inner City Mission,  
Columbus Branch

**Chris and Kathy Machinski**  
Addiction Recovery Program  
Missionaries

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

**Bob and Marie Thompson**  
Service Missionaries  
at the Bishops' Storehouse

**Joshua Ellis**  
Dominican Republic  
Santo Domingo West Mission

**Ward Missionaries:**  
Robert & Carrie Burnett  
Jim & Myrna Christensen  
Richard & Linda Hackett  
Ryan & Allison Terry

## Cub Scouts



Many thanks to all  
those who helped with  
and attended  
the Blue and Gold Banquet.  
It was great fun!

Cub Scout Pack Meeting will be  
held on March 22nd.  
Parents and siblings are invited!  
See you there.

## High Priests

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

This month it will be on  
March 10th.

Call Kevin Pasker  
for additional information  
at 801-414-0338.

## Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your contributions  
for the April newsletter  
no later than **March 28th**  
to [dbmahler@velvetshadow.com](mailto:dbmahler@velvetshadow.com)

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



## Stake Farm Workers Needed

The Stake has required our Bishop to fill the position of a Church Service Mission working on the farm in Sandy.

We are past due on filling this calling and hope to have it filled by their busy season starting in March.

Tonnie Killpack is currently serving, if you would like to talk to her about working there.

Here is a description of the calling:  
We send out assignments to help harvest fresh produce that supports the Bishop's Storehouse.

This is a wonderful opportunity to provide service for those from our area who are in need of assistance.

The Church Service Missionaries need to be willing to put in 10 hours of service a week averaged out over the year.

The busy times are between March 15th to October 15th.

During the months between November and February, the assignments will be on an as-needed basis.

A decorative border of musical notation, including various notes, rests, and clefs, surrounds the central text.

## Choir

**March 5th** - we'll rehearse Easter songs

**March 12th** - Tonnie Killpack will be substituting the teaching of our March song.

**March 19th** - the choir will perform with Sister Killpack.

**March 26th** - we'll rehearse Easter songs

Choir rehearsals are held on most Sundays after the block meeting for about 45 minutes in the Relief Society Room.

If you'd like to receive emails/text reminders about our rehearsals please email [mandymounteer@gmail.com](mailto:mandymounteer@gmail.com) or text me at 623-451-7058.

### Attention

For those our ward members who were part of the former Sixth Ward, Susan Johansen is collecting for a group gift for Chelsea Madsen, daughter of Barbara Madsen, who is getting married March 17th.

Please contact her for further information:

Susan Johansen 801-571-8630

### Please Update

your email address, phone numbers, and **PHOTOS** in the Online Directory.

Go to **LDS.org**

~ Sign in with your Username and Password

~ Stake and Ward Directory

~ Household

~ Edit

**Please be sure to put in your email addresses, phone numbers (cell phones too) and PHOTOS.**

Thank you!





# Family History

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

Our Stake Presidency and Bishop are giving us a challenge to put **Family History** as a goal for this year. To accommodate this, there will be a Family History Class for Beginners.

Now is your chance to get into **Family Search.org** and become familiar with the Family Tree.

This three-lesson Family History Class will be held during the Sunday School hour (10:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

- 5th Sunday in January (29th) (done)
- 3rd Sunday in February (19th)
- 3rd Sunday in March (19th).

Those who have teaching assignments during the second hour, contact your leaders and they can help make it possible for you to attend the Family History Class.

This class meets in the rooms just east of the library.

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.**

Indian Ridge Ward  
Family History Consultants:

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*christees40@yahoo.com*

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Oriana Reyes 385-445-3194  
*orian@byu.net*

sandy east stake

# SAVE THE DATE TREK 2017

**FAITH WITH TENACITY**

te-nac-i-ty: unwavering, determined,

steadfast, persistent, unshakable

**#FAITHWITHTENACITY**

**JUNE 15-17  
2017**

For all the youth 14 and older.

Stake Trek is June 15-17. The stake has set up a website and Instagram page for Stake Trek. The web site is [www.sandyeasttrek.com](http://www.sandyeasttrek.com) and Instagram account @sandyeastyouth. Use the hashtag #faithwithtenacity when sharing pictures from trek. All ward members are welcome to follow the Instagram.

Registration and release forms are due by **March 16th**. Each participant is required to submit one. The link to the form is on the website. <http://www.sandyeasttrek.com/registration/>