

Indian Ridge Ward

November 2017 – Caring For Others

In the tenth chapter of Luke, we read of a lawyer that asked, testing the Savior, “Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to the lawyer, “What is written in the law? How readest thou?” Whereupon the lawyer recited the first and second “great commandments”, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.”

Jesus responded to the lawyer that he had answered correctly and that if he would follow these commandments he would have eternal life. In response to this comment, the lawyer, trying to save face, asked Jesus: “And who is my neighbour?” (Luke 10: 25-29)

What followed is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. We need not cite the parable here, as we all know the specifics. Upon finishing the parable, Jesus asked the lawyer which of the three travelers was a neighbor to the man who fell among the thieves; to which the lawyer answered, “He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.” (Luke 10: 30-36)

The question for us today is: at what point did the man who was left half dead become a neighbor to the Samaritan? They didn’t live in the same neighborhood. They didn’t attend the same church. They didn’t run in the same social circles. Until they met under unfavorable circumstances on the way from Jerusalem to Jericho, they had nothing in common. So, what was it that made them “neighbors”?

The answer for us lies in verse 33, “. . . and when he saw him, he had compassion on him . . .”

I met my “neighbor” once, many years ago, while I was with my sister, my best friend, and her small family at an amusement park in Southern California. As we were walking down the main avenue of the amusement park, we passed a

young girl who was crying because she was hungry. As we passed, I heard a park employee tell the young girl's mother that the amusement park could not take her check. To which the mother replied that that was all she had and wondered how she was going to get her daughter something to eat.

At that moment, something inside me told me that I could help. Because I was on vacation, I had brought some cash with me. The prompting I received told me that I had enough cash, that I could spare some, and that it would not affect my needs. So, I approached the young mother and told her that I wanted to help. She insisted on giving me a check in exchange for some cash, and then asked me what would I do if her check bounced. I told her that the cash wasn't significant enough to make a difference and that I had already been rewarded.

I didn't see the young girl or her mother again that day. I suppose that they got something to eat and had a wonderful day at the park. I had a wonderful day. I was with family and friends. The spirit helped me to feel compassion. And I made a difference.

Brothers and Sisters, who is your neighbor? Those who you have compassion on and show mercy to. As Jesus told the lawyer: "Go and do thou likewise."

It has been wonderful serving as your Bishopric. We have love and compassion for each of you. May we continue to learn and grow together.

Your fellow servants in the Lord



Welcome to our new bishopric!

Joel Weight, bishop; Craig Roberts, first counselor; David Glauser, second counselor,
Justin Hatton, executive secretary.

Our heartfelt thanks for a job so well done to our outgoing bishopric:
Doug Milne, Michael Jones, Ron Baker, and Jim Hanson.

Relief Society

What a wonderful time of year to celebrate our many blessings. Our beloved Prophet, President Thomas S. Monson has taught, "Let us follow Him. Let us obey His word. By so doing, we give to Him the divine gift of gratitude."

We want to thank Kara McLeskey for her many years of service teaching in Relief Society. We have truly enjoyed your lessons and teachings. We will miss you but know you will enjoy your new calling and service in the Primary.

We also want to welcome the Karie and Tyson Hughes family into our ward. They are living at 1415 Eastpoint Drive, the home that the Wells lived in. We look forward to getting to know you.

Please remember our Waffle Breakfast and Service Project on Saturday morning, November 11th. We'll start out our morning with a yummy breakfast then move on to our service project for our friends at the Care Center. We are making pinecone swags to either hang on their front doors or to decorate their apartments. After that we will have a Christmas project that can be made that morning also or can be taken home to finish. You will see more info on that coming. We are wanting to share the love with these dear friends so please mark your calendars and come enjoy the time we can spend together as we serve.

OCTOBER LESSONS:

November 5 - Presidency Message - Shelly Glauser

November 12 - Chapter 22: Reaching Out with Love to New Converts and Less-Active Members

November 19 - Chapter 23: The Blessings of the Holy Temple - Janis Kershaw

November 26 - "Social media gives us a way to share simple messages of goodness and truth" - Lori Hanson

We are looking forward to a new year and the new changes to our Visiting Teaching to reach out individually to each sister. Also the changes coming for our Sunday meetings in Relief Society, "A New Sunday Experience."

Thank you to our dear RS teachers for your many hours of service preparing and presenting your lessons. We have been blessed and taught by the Spirit.

As always, we thank you for your endless service and love to our dear Ward Family. Our Ward Family is strengthened and blessed as we follow the example and love of our Savior. We love you all dearly.

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

Young Men

Teachers/Priests

Wednesday, November 7
Young Men Activity

Tuesday, November 14
Young Men Activity

Tuesday, November 21
YW/YM Combined Activity

Tuesday, November 28
Young Men Activity



Young Women

Wednesday, November 7
Christmas Craft

Sunday, November 12
Sacrament Meeting Program

Tuesday, November 14
YW in Excellence
(Personal Progress night)

Tuesday, November 21
YW/YM Combined Activity

Tuesday, November 28
Class Activities

Just a reminder to keep working on your family history and looking for names to take to the temple. We will be truly blessed by seeking out our ancestors and those that are depending on us to do their work so they can be sealed to their families forever.

Sandy East Stake Missionary Preparation Class

Sundays, 5 - 6 p.m. - in the Stake Center Multipurpose Room

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

November Theme:

I Can Choose to be a Missionary Now



November Scripture:

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

The Lord wants all of us to be missionaries. One way we can do that is by being a friend to those who have moved into the neighborhood or come from another country and to those who look, speak, or dress differently. As you learn to love those who are different from you, you are preparing for the day when you will be called to serve a mission. (The Friend 2012)

We want to give a big "thank you" for the dedication and testimonies the released Primary presidency shared with the children over the years:

President: Allyn Thompson, counselors: Lynn Jensen, and Jennifer Anderson. They have a great love for the children in the ward and will miss seeing them every week in Primary. We are excited to welcome in the new presidency: President Keesha Wilson, First counselor Nicole Miles, Second counselor Kara McLesky, Secretary Karissa Hatton.

The Primary Presidency



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

Happy Birthday!



November 2017

- 1 Brooke Edmonds
- 2 Richard Haight
- 5 Debra Hawkins
John Mahler
- 6 Shirley Clark
- 7 Richard Clayton
Kathleen Harris
- 9 Bonnie Ellis
Rakell Pete
- 11 Louden Pete
Charles Schmitt
- 12 Paxton Mirci
- 14 Lyman Bangerter
Isaac Miles
Izabella Pete
Elizabeth Rawlings
- 16 Morgan Miller
Annette Webster
- 17 Barbara Kinsley
- 19 Shannon Curtis
- 22 Mandy Mounteer
- 23 Cyndi Grayson
Cole Lloyd
- 28 Sharon Jensen
- 29 Robert Burnett
Brooklyn Glauser
- 30 Carol Buchmiller
Michele Cuburu
Jack Nydegger

December 2017

- 1 Joel Weight
Barbara Wightman
- 2 Luc West