

Indian Ridge Ward

September 2017 – Weightier Matters of the Gospel

A story is told about a life insurance agent who neglected to secure life insurance to protect his family. He died in a car accident, and to the surprise of all who knew him, left his family uninsured. He had helped other families realize the security that life insurance provides, but left his family to endure crushing debt, heartache, and questions.

As followers of Christ we can have the security that a vibrant testimony provides. But like the insurance agent we can neglect the weightier matters of the gospel to our spiritual undoing. President Monson addressing this concern said:

“Mortality is a period of testing, a time to prove ourselves worthy to return to the presence of our Heavenly Father. For us to be tested, we must face challenges and difficulties. These can break us, and the surface of our souls may crack and crumble—that is, if our foundations of faith and our testimonies of truth are not deeply embedded within us.

“We can rely on the faith and testimony of others only so long. Eventually we must have our own strong and deeply-placed foundation, or we will be unable to withstand the storms of life, which will come.”

How Firm a Foundation, Ensign, Nov 2006.

First Things—First

I urge all those who read these words to make sure you’re not making a similar mistake as the life insurance agent made. He neglected to obtain something that was readily available to protect his family.

Each of us needs to have the spiritual protection that comes from having “our own strong and deeply-placed foundation” of testimony. The Lord has provided the means to acquire such a testimony, but we need to put forth the effort. There is no better foundation for our testimony to be built on than one based on the Book of Mormon.

It is my opinion that some members of the church have a Sunday School knowledge of the Book of Mormon, but have neglected to obtain a “strong and deeply-placed” testimony that comes by the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Book of Mormon is the keystone of our faith. It is another testament of

Jesus Christ, and contains the fullness of the gospel. Those who follow the teachings contained therein will talk of Christ, rejoice in Christ, and will know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins.

Those who have obtained such a testimony by pleading with the Lord for one will be prepared for the storms of life. Read again the requirements and the promise belonging to the Book of Mormon:

“And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost.” Moroni 10:4

Summary

A cultural, academic, or institutional testimony is a man-made testimony. It is not the same as a Holy Ghost testimony. Having an authentic Holy Ghost testimony of the Book of Mormon is a supernal gift! I hope each of us will do whatever it takes to gain one. If it requires repentance, fasting and prayer, or confession, then I hope we will be willing to make the sacrifice. We should not stop calling on the Lord for such a blessing. It is the right of every Ward member to have this blessing.

Some Ward members might find it worthwhile to work with Bishop Milne as they pursue a testimony of the Book of Mormon. Invest whatever it takes!

When we possess a God-given testimony of the Book of Mormon, the anti-Mormon crowd lose another possible convert. In this age of the internet, too many church members are having their undernourished testimonies crack and crumble when they encounter information about church history and doctrine that is new to them.

Consider what President Monson said in last conference:

“I implore each of us to prayerfully study and ponder the Book of Mormon each day. As we do so, we will be in a position to hear the voice of the Spirit, to resist temptation, to overcome doubt and fear, and to receive heaven’s help in our lives. I so testify with all my heart in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.” April 2017 Conference

The Bishopric

Relief Society

As we have just celebrated President Monson's 90th birthday, this was his wish: "Find someone who is having a hard time or is ill or lonely and do something for them. That's all I would ask." This is something each of us could take to heart and follow the example of our dear prophet.

Summer has been a busy time with many of our Ward Family having surgeries and illnesses. We wish all a continued successful recovery and send our love and prayers. Our newest infants, Maggie Fullmer and Jude Harris, continue to struggle but are doing as well as can be. They are our little fighters and our prayers and love are constant for them.

We want to thank Natalie Pickett for all her help serving on the Relief Society Homemaking Committee and look forward to her Gospel Doctrine lessons. We welcome Nina Hauber to the committee.

Also we have been asked to keep you informed about the "rat" issue throughout our Stake. This problem seems to be coming from the building of the apartments in our Stake boundaries. Please refer to the handout sent by the Stake.

SEPTEMBER LESSONS:

September 3 - Presidency Message, "Charity Never Faileth" - Kim Leshner

September 10 - Chapter 17: Continue in the Great Process of Learning -
Kara McLeskey

September 17 - Chapter 18: Virtue - A Cornerstone on Which to Build Our Lives -
Janis Kershaw

September 24 - Return and Receive - Elder M. Russell Ballard - Lori Hanson

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 11 - Draper Temple Cleaning 2-4 p.m. We need 9 people.

September 14 - Draper Temple Cleaning 10 p.m.-12 a.m. We need 13 people.

September 23 - General Women's Conference Session at 6:00 p.m.

September 30 and October 1 - General Conference

October 7 - "Come As You Were"- Adult Stake "Decades" Party and Dance, 7-9 p.m.

We thank you again for the many acts of service, kindness and love. This truly is a blessed Ward Family. Happy Fall Season to all!

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

Young Men

Teachers/Priests

Wednesday, September 6
Friends of Scouting

Tuesday, September 12
Ward Ice Cream Social - 7:00 p.m.
at Joel and Crystal Weight's home.
Judging begins at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19
Young Men Activity

Tuesday, September 26
Young Men Activity

Tuesday, October 3
Young Men Activity

Young Women

Wednesday, September 6
Personal Progress

Tuesday, September 12
Ward Ice Cream Social - 7:00 p.m.
at Joel and Crystal Weight's home.
Judging begins at 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, September 19
Young Women Hike

Saturday, September 23
Women's Conference - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 26
Class Activities

Tuesday, October 3
Young Women Activity

The young men and young women will be hosting a Ward Ice Cream Social.

Tuesday, September 12th

Ice cream judging will begin at 6:45 pm and the social will begin at 7:00 pm.

Start planning your favorite homemade ice cream recipes to share!

We will be gathering at the Weight's home: 9640 East Point Drive

Invite your neighbors for a fun evening!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Neighborhood

Come and join as friends and neighbors for a fun end of the summer activity.
(homemade ice cream will be judged at 6:45)

Date of event: September 12 (Tuesday)

Time: 7 p.m.

**Address: The Weights
9640 Eastpoint Dr.**

A row of five ice cream cones with different flavors: chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, and two others.



Regional Activity for Youth (with help from each ward Relief Society)

This information comes from Paula Christiansen
(the new Stake YW President).

We are joining with seven other stakes for a giant regional activity on October 14th and that we hope to have about 800 youth attend. The organizers have asked each stake involved reach out to their ward Relief Societies and ask for support in donating some simple items needed for the service projects planned for part of the event. Four projects are planned, all to benefit children in need in Guatemala. We are asking ward Relief Society members to donate the following:

- fleece for baby blankets (any size)
- felt (any size)
- small stocking-stuffer gifts
- Christmas wrapping paper
- yarn

Relief Society Presidents will start a collection of these items. Collected items are due by October 6th. Paula Christiansen will stop by a leader's home in each ward to pick up collected items (just let her know whose home the items are at).

For further questions please contact Paula directly.
Her cell number is 801-824-9044 and her email is
pwchristiansen@yahoo.com

Primary

Yearly Theme: Choose the Right

September Theme:

The Ten Commandments teach me to love God and his children.

September Scripture: "If thou lovest me

thou shalt serve me and keep all my commandments." D&C 42:49



The Ten Commandments are eternal gospel principles that are essential for our exaltation. The Lord revealed them to Moses in ancient times, and they are also referenced in whole or in part in other books of scripture. As we follow the commandments we will be blessed in our lives and feel joy as we serve God and those around us.

Our Primary Sacrament Meeting program will be on September 24th. Children will be receiving their parts. Please help them practice so they will be comfortable during the program.

The Primary Presidency



Happy Birthday!



September 2017

2 Bryan Benson	9 Merrill Scott	19 Michael McLeskey	27 Robert Taylor
Maxwell Wilson	10 Michael Jones	Paul Visser	28 Thomas Evans
3 Jordan North	Robert Marx	21 Ryan Banks	Adam Jones
4 Angela Lowder	Jim Moon	Wyatt Kershaw	29 Georgann Lloyd
5 Chris Munteer	11 Lane Clark	Kathy Plumb	30 Analisa Edmonds
Angela Trujillo	12 Aaron Hansen	Jake Zitzelsberger	
6 Reiko Hilton	Perry Tucker	22 Mary Deming	
7 Edwin McLain	13 Andrea Marx	Suzanne Morris	
Natalie Pickett	Shane Sturgill	23 Paul Wightman	
Joseph Viehweg	17 Madison McLeskey	24 Myrna Christensen	
8 Veronica Trujillo	Susan Petersen	25 Elizabeth Fullmer	
9 Kaden Hatton	18 Carrie Burnett	26 Gay Lin Miyazaki	

October 2017

1 Mike Killpack
2 Sandy Gao
3 Oriana Reyes
4 Brodee Crump
5 Selina Gao

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

Cub Scouts

For information about
the September
Pack Meeting, contact
Brother Paul Wightman
at pwightma@me.com
or call 801-558-0239.



High Priests

Our Ward Temple Sealings time is
the second Friday of each month
at 7 p.m. This month it will be on
September 8th. Call Garry True
for additional information
at 801-572-0171.

Single Adults 46+ Activity

September 15th

Activity Night at
Sandy Crescent Stake Center
and Pavilion (10945 S. 1700 E.)

7-10 p.m.

Games, Karaoke, Ice Cream
and Free Color Code Personality
assessment and workshop.
Contact Steve Morrison for more
details 801-824-0030

A woman in a pink shirt and a man in a blue shirt are running away from the camera on a paved path. The background is a blurred green landscape.

FREE 5K WALK/RUN SEPTEMBER 9 7:00AM

SPONSERED BY THE
SANDY EAST STAKE
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Roseboro Building 1880 E. 9800 S.

RIVALRY DAY!

WEAR RED OR WEAR BLUE

To register, go to Facebook and search

"Willow Canyon Free 5K Walk/Run"

you can also RSVP via email

willowcanyon5k@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Adult "Decades" Party and Dance

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

It's a 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."



Here's what we are planning:

"Come As You Were (In High School)"

Costume Contest with Prizes!

Food! Live DJ! Photo Booth! Fun Mixers!



**** Babysitting Available On Site ****

We are putting together a fun slide show with high-school photos of stake members. We need people to scan or take pics of their yearbooks with a smart phone. Then email or text them to jre0612@gmail.com or 801-520-0994.

“Improve Your Life” Workshops

Our illustrious and amazing Relief Society organization has put together a fabulous opportunity for us to participate in an "Improve Your Life" series! It's for everyone – for you, your family, your neighbors – invite some friends!

The first set of evening workshops will be taught by our very own Chris Hall, focusing on relationships with **Love and Logic**.

If you're not familiar with this effective parenting/relationship management system, **Love and Logic** is basically a process by which children grow through their mistakes and learn from the consequences of their choices.

It is important to note that concepts and communication skills you will learn in **Love and Logic** will help strengthen every relationship in your life: with your kids, spouse, people at work, and even friends.

Not to brag, but our Chris Hall is a certified **Love and Logic** facilitator and has taught thousands of parents and teachers these powerful concepts over the past 25 years.

This workshop will be held on three Fridays in September from 7-9 p.m. each night in the **Roseboro building**:

September 8th

September 22nd

September 29th

(Please notice that there is NO workshop on the Friday, the 15th)and yes there IS time to go to ComicCon on the 22nd, leave a tad early, and still make it to the workshop – really, let's keep a clear view of our priorities, shall we??

Many of you have already signed up for this event – but we're trying to get a more accurate count so we can be sure to have adequate space and class materials for all. So if you haven't signed up, please be sure to contact Valerie Wanlass at valeriewanlass@gmail.com (or 801-910-0067).

The class is free, but there is a small, \$2 fee for materials. You don't need to have two sets per couple, but many couples prefer to have their own set to write their class notes on. The material fee isn't due until you come to the class - you can bring cash, check, or even a credit card - yes, Chris has a 'square' to run your card - I know, right? Is she prepared or WHAT???

Let Valerie know as soon as possible - if you could respond by Labor Day weekend, that'd be BRILLIANT!!!

We'll see you THERE!!!