Indian Ridge Ward

February 2018 – Missionary Work

One of the fourfold missions of the Church is to proclaim the Gospel.

The Lord tells us in the Doctrine and Covenants that we can call ourselves on a mission: "Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work." (D&C 4:3)

In April 1959 President David O. McKay encouraged us all in declaring "every member a missionary".

In addition to building the Kingdom there are enormous blessings available to us as we seek to fulfill the Lord's command.

Clayton M. Christensen, a former Area Seventy in the Boston area wrote in *The Power of Everyday Missionaries: The What and How of Sharing the Gospel:*

Sharing the Gospel doesn't just *require* that we have the power of God unto the convincing of men. It gives us this power....

Missionary work will help those of us who are battling against addictions and bad habits and are struggling to feel worthy, to stand blameless before God, to become forgiven of our sins, and to have strength to keep God's laws. It doesn't just demand our purity. It will *help* us to be pure. For those of us who struggle with sadness, sharing the Gospel will give us great joy. It will make us become holy men and women who have great revelations and are borne up from our burdens as on eagles' wings, begetting glory and honor to ourselves and unto the Lord's name. Involving our children in sharing the Gospel is a plan to develop in each of them a testimony of the words of the prophets and to help them become men and women of great faith.

For many of us, the thought of embarking to do missionary work may be frightening and perhaps overwhelming. We can simplify the challenge by focusing on just first knowing our neighbors. Missionary work in our community involves conversion, reactivation and retention. This then should involve all of us in acting and being acted upon.

Perhaps the most important thing we can do to effectively share the Gospel in our community is to love and care for our neighbors, whether they are active, inactive, or not members of the Church. This care should not be conditioned or affected by the choices they make regarding the Church. We need to find out who they are. We need to reach out to them in friendship. We need to help them. The help we should offer should be based upon their needs and desires as they define them. All of us have problems, challenges and concerns. As we come to know them, the Spirit will lead us in how to help. We can and should also ask them to help us, including giving thought as to how we might ask for help in fulfilling our church service. Providing service to others is one of the most powerful ways to invite the spirit and if we can enlist neighbors to help they will be blessed and touched.

We can and should manifest the love we feel both for and from the Savior by conveying that love to all in our midst and around us.

Brother Christensen describes two very special congregations that were especially effective in fostering converts to the Gospel. In one case a missionary said, "I don't know what it is. But if you can just get your investigators into the chapel up there, the members just wrap them into their arms and make them feel so welcome." In the other ward, Brother Christensen said that visitors "uniformly reported that the minute they walked into the ward chapel, they felt loved. One of them said, 'It was as if everybody was sitting backward in the pews to watch for me when I walked through the door.' "

We know that as we seek to follow this approach, we will receive opportunities and promptings to share the Gospel and our testimonies. We and all around us will be blessed and missionary work will flourish.

> Love, The Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric

Relief Society

We are excited to invite all to take the challenge from our Stake Presidency to read the Book of Mormon in sixty days. To keep up you will need to read about nine pages a day. Then you will want to consider who you can give your Book of Mormon to. Our new Prophet, President Russell M. Nelson in his last General Conference address asked, "The Book of Mormon: What Would Your Life Be Like without It?" As you read we encourage you to ponder this timely message and follow our dear prophet's example.

We want to welcome Matt and Kerrie Webster to our ward family. Kerrie is Linda Packard's daughter and they have bought her home. We also want to welcome Doug and Jodi Yates and their family. Jodi is Terry and Jane Johnson's oldest daughter, and while Doug is selling and settling up their home back East, we are happy to have Jodi and their daughters here in our ward. We welcome all and look forward to getting to know you.

Congratulations to Brian, Ana, Joey, and Amberly Olsen on the arrival of sweet baby Kyler Dean. We're so happy for his safe arrival.

Looking Ahead:

February 20 & 23 - Draper Temple cleaning

February 25 - Ward Conference

March 21 - RS Birthday Party - starts at 7 p.m. with potato bar and green salad March 29 - Stake Women's Conference at 6:30 p.m. with a light supper

March 31 - April 1 - General Conference

Lessons for February:

February 4 - RS Council - we will finish up on "Turn on your Light" then we will discuss and evaluate our November service project and what principles we can apply to the service we give - Kathi Roberts. Remember your notebooks.

February 11 - A Yearning for Home - President Uchtdorf - Lori Hanson

February 18 - Sabbath Day - Lynn Jensen

February 25 - Ward Conference

We also want to thank everyone for your support and help at the Care Center as we fulfilled our RS assignment for the month. The residents really look forward to RS each Wednesday morning and express their appreciation to all.

We send our love and appreciation for all your many acts of kindness and service. It takes all of us to help and lift and bless one another. Please help and let us know if you are aware of any needs.

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

Young Men

"The destiny of any nation, at any given time, depends on the opinions of of its young men under five-andtwenty."

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 3D Printer class at Sandy Library

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Combined YW/YM Activity Baptisms for the dead Meet at the church at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 Combined YW/YM Activity Ice Skating

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 U of U Lab

Our Young Men are valiant and steadfast brethren in the Priesthood!

Young Women

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 "New Beginnings" 7:00 p.m. at the church Parents invited

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Combined YW/YM Activity Temple baptisms Meet at the church at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Combined YW/YM Activity Ice Skating

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 Class Activities

We would like to welcome Haley and Morgan Yates to Young Women's. They have recently moved into our ward. They are Jane Johnson's granddaughters, and we look forward to getting to know them.



Welcome

to our new ward members **Mark and Kerrie Webster** (Linda Packard's daughter) have moved into Linda's home, and **Doug and Jodi Yates** (Jane Johnson's daughter) and their daughters **Haley and Morgan** have moved into Jane's home

The new building scheduler: Keith Nigbur from the Albion Ward 801-572-1294

our new Ward PFR is Jim Christensen

Primary

Yearly Theme: I am a Child of God.

February Theme:

The earth was created for Heavenly Father's children

February Scripture:

"We will make an earth wheron these may dwell; and we will prove them herewith, to see if they will

do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them."

Abraham 3:24-25

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Jesus Christ, under the direction of our Heavenly Father, created this world on which we live. This earth was prepared as a place where we could receive our bodies, be taught the Gospel, and learn to be obedient. It is the plan of our Father in Heaven that we enjoy the beauty and bounty of the earth and take good care of it.

We welcome Sharon Allen to our team of wonderful teachers.

The Primary Presidency



Our Ward Missionaries

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Elder Joshua Ellis Dominican Republic Santo Domingo West Mission

Lane and Diane Clark Guest Service Missionaries at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building

Robert and Andrea Marx Guest Service Missionaries at Temple Square

Bob and Marie Thompson Service Missionaries at the Bishops' Storehouse

Ward Missionaries: **Robert and Carrie Burnett Linda Hackett**

Full-time missionaries in our area: Elder Bailey & Elder Goo 801-953-5496 Elder Courtland and Sister Pauleen Cottrell 801-953-3399



