# Indian Ridge Ward

### January 2018 - The Life of Christ

Hundreds of years before the birth of the Savior, prophets were privileged to see His life and understand His mission. Isaiah is probably the most well known of these, writing the text that Handel, some 2400 years later, would put to music in The Messiah. Nephi was also blessed to see the life and mission of the Savior while experiencing and interpreting Lehi's vision of the tree of life. Several hundred years after Nephi, King Benjaman also foresaw the Savior's life.

In the New Testament we have records of the Savior's life, including his birth, upbringing, baptism, miracles, teaching, sacrifice, and resurrection. All of these records have been preserved for thousands of years and translated into over 100 languages in modern times. Why?

The title page of the Book of Mormon states that it is "to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting himself unto all nations." Nephi stated that, "...we talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins." (2 Nephi 25:26)

Jacob said that even with the difficulty of writing on plates, they did it anyway: "For, for this intent have we written these things, that they may know that we knew of Christ, and we had a hope of his glory many hundred years before his coming; and not only we ourselves had a hope of his glory, but also all the holy prophets which were before us." (Jacob 4:4)

Jesus Christ himself declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) And finally, the Savior commanded the Nephites, "Therefore I would that ye should be perfect even as I, or your Father who is in heaven is perfect."

Imagine that you are an accomplished potter, and another artist gives you clay, and asks you to make a pot exactly like his, but does not show you what his looks like. It would be impossible for you to exactly mimic his pot. It may have

the same form with an opening at the top and a base at the bottom, but you would never be able to match the size, shape, and utility of the example without seeing it.

King Benjamin exhorted us to come to know the Savior in these words, "For how knoweth a man the master whom he has not served, and who is a stranger unto him, and is far from the thoughts and intents of his heart?"

We have the perfect example of the Savior well documented before us. He loved and sought to lift those around Him. He was constantly looking for ways to bless and encourage. He said, "I do nothing of myself," He declared, "but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things... I do always those things that please him." (John 8:28–29)

As we learn of his life, keep him in our thoughts, and try to be like him, we will also "do always those things that please [the Father]" and He will no longer be a stranger unto us because we will be like Him.

Love, The Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric



## **Relief Society**

Happy New Year! It is wonderful to begin a New Year and look forward to a new teaching curriculum: "Come, Follow Me" and new guidelines for Visiting Teaching to help us better serve one another and learn and grow together. Now we will learn more from each other as we share and listen to one another.

We want to welcome Mac and Shannon Bludworth and their family and look forward to getting to know you better. They live on Sandridge Drive in the Hancock home. We also want to welcome the Mounti family who live on 9800 South and look forward to getting to know you. Welcome to our ward family.

We want to thank Shawna Zitzelsberger for serving on the Relief Society Meeting Committee and planning so many wonderful activities. The Young Women will be blessed from your service and love. We want to welcome Crystal Weight to the RS Committee and look forward to getting to know you better.

Congratulations and happy homecoming to the Harris family. Baby Jude came home from the hospital to make "a true Christmas miracle" for them.

#### Looking ahead:

**January 20-21** - Stake Conference

February 25 - Ward Conference

#### **Lessons for January:**

January 7 - R.S. Council: "Turn On Your Light" talk by Sister Sharon Eubanks - Kim Lesher

January 14 - "Spiritual Eclipse" by Elder Gary Stevenson - Lori Hanson

January 21 - Stake Conference

January 28 - The Sabbath Day - Lynn Jensen

Vivienne Taylor has asked that we continue our prayers in behalf of her daughter Carly and their family. Carly has two court dates in Denver on January 11th. They appreciate everyone's love and concern. Sending prayers.

As always we send our love and thankfulness for all your many acts of service and love. You are amazing sisters and we pray the Lord will continue to guide and bless you and your families. You truly are "His Hands".

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly, and Charlene

# Young Men

"One of the most important things for a young man to establish is a credit... a reputation, character." John D. Rockefeller

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018**Build a Computer Night

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Combined YM/YW Activity

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Snow Shoeing or
Mission Memories and Meals
(weather depending)

Tuesday, January 30, 2018
Snow Shoeing or
Board Game Night
(weather depending)

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

### Young Women

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Personal Progress

Sunday, January 14, 2018

We will have a Leaders Training for Class Presidents and their counselors.

Plan on meeting after church.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Combined YW/YM Activity

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 Combined Young Women's

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018**Class Activities

We would like to welcome Kennedy Bludworth to our Young Women group. She will turn 12 years old on January 12th. Happy Birthday Kenna and we look forward to seeing you in Young Women's.





# **Primary**

#### **Yearly Theme:**

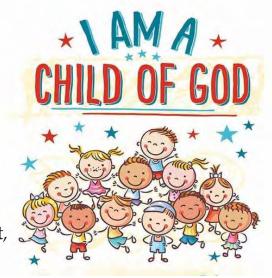
I am a Child of God.

#### **January Theme:**

I am a child of God, and he has a plan for me.

#### January Scripture:

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Romans 8:16



We are excited to kick off the new year! What a wonderful way to start by helping the children understand that we are all children of God and He has laid out a path so that all can have the chance to return unto Him again.

This year we would like to ask parents to help us out. When your child is assigned to give a talk in Primary, we would love to have a copy of the talk. We will then take pieces of their talks to use in the Primary program in the fall.

We express our greatest appreciation to those who have been released from service in the Primary: Susan Milne, Brian Olsen, and Ana Olsen

We welcome in Georgann Lloyd, Danielle Ellis, Connie Baker, Jim Hansen and Myrna Christensen.

The Primary Presidency



### **Our Ward Missionaries**

Elder David Coleman Lloyd Argentina Comodoro Rivadavia Mission Av. Fray Luis Beltran 75 Comodoro Rivadavia Chubut, 9000 Argentina

Elder Joshua Ellis Dominican Republic Santo Domingo West Mission

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

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

Ward Missionaries: Robert and Carrie Burnett Richard and Linda Hackett

Full-time missionaries in our area: Elder Bailey and Elder Goo 801-953-0916

### Happy Birthday!



### January 2018

- 1 Clare Zitzelsberger
- 10 Mont Deming Natalie Nielson-Riep
- 12 Kennedy Bludworth Manette Murri Zander Olsen
- 14 Reggie Harris Wendy Capener Kendon Riep
- 15 Chyrrel Cook Dustin Kramer Brenda Rodgers
- 18 Bobbie Thorne
- 19 Danielle Ellis Robyn Tuft
- 20 Keila Kershaw Warren Schmidt
- 21 Luke Hauber
- 22 Donna Strong
- 23 Tessa Ellis
- 24 Chandler Glauser
- 25 Remy Kramer
- 26 Jordan Capener Holly Miles
- 31 Mike Mitchell

### February 2018

- 3 Jay Nielsen
- 4 Tyson Hughes Darin Olsen