Indian Ridge Ward

February 2019 - Repentance

In his ministry John the Baptist created a great sensation in his teaching and insistence that being a member of the Lord's covenant people was insufficient. Each individual must repent of all of his or her sins, signifying such by baptism and continue to repent to be able to enter the Kingdom of God.

The principle of repentance is a great gift. It allows us to be reconciled before the Lord and through the atonement of the Savior be healed of the consequences of the sins that we have committed and those that have been committed by others that affect us. It thus can result in infinite peace and joy.

In an address entitled "The Divine Gift of Repentance," in November 2011, Elder D. Todd Christofferson discussed five aspects of the fundamental gospel principle of repentance:

First, the invitation to repent is an expression of love. "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17), was a message of love, inviting all who would to qualify to join Him "and enjoy the words of eternal life in this world, and eternal life [itself] in the world to come." With such important blessings at stake, if we do not invite others to change or if we do not demand repentance of ourselves, we fail in a fundamental duty we owe to one another and to ourselves.

Second, repentance means striving to change. Perhaps as much as praying for mercy, we should pray for time and opportunity to work and strive and overcome. Real repentance, real change may require repeated attempts, but there is something refining and holy in such striving. Divine forgiveness and healing flow quite naturally to such a soul.

Third, repentance means not only abandoning sin but also committing to obedience. For our turning to the Lord to be complete, it must include nothing less than a covenant of obedience to Him.

Fourth, repentance requires a seriousness of purpose and a willingness to persevere, even through pain. A resolve to abandon and forsake the sin and to repair, as fully as one possibly can, the damage he or she has caused forms in a new heart. This resolve soon matures into a covenant of obedience to God. With that covenant in place, the Holy Ghost, the messenger of divine grace, will bring relief and forgiveness. Any pain entailed in repentance will always be far less than the suffering required to satisfy justice for unresolved transgression.

Fifth, whatever the cost of repentance, it is swallowed up in the joy of forgiveness.

Elder Christofferson concludes:

"I gratefully acknowledge and testify that the incomprehensible suffering, death, and Resurrection of our Lord 'bringeth to pass the condition of repentance' (Helaman 14:18). The divine gift of repentance is the key to happiness here and hereafter. In the Savior's words and in deep humility and love, I invite all to 'Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Matthew 4:17). I know that in accepting this invitation, you will find joy both now and forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen."

Love, The Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric.

Your life is your responsibility.
Your choices will ultimately make the difference for you

—Elder D. Todd Christofferson

Welcome new ward members:

Alik and Aimee Gines and their boys Aydan and Bradley

Chad and Kristen Austin and their daughter Cassidy

Dalton and Tori Earl
Zeldine Graham



Relief Society



We have been greatly blessed from our recent Stake Conference. We have been taught wisely from our leaders and now we need to go forward with new determination and knowledge as we serve and love one another. We continue to gain a better understanding of the new "Come, Follow Me-For Individuals and Families" in living, learning, and teaching more about our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we continue to study we will find new and exciting ways to learn and share the gospel in a very meaningful way individually and as a family and as a ward family.

We are excited to welcome Dalton and Tori Weight Earl, and Alik and Aimee Allen Gines with sons Ayden and Bradley to our ward family. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Schedule for February:

February 3 Sunday School

February 10 Relief Society - "For Him"- Joy Jones and "Becoming a Shepherd"- Bonnie H. Cordon - Kathleen Harris

February 17 Sunday School

February 24 Relief Society - "The Joy of Unselfish Service"- Christina Franco - Lynn Jensen

Please save Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 for Stake Women's Conference.

Also, looking ahead, it will be our opportunity to have Relief Society meetings at the Care Center in March. We will have a sign-up sheet going around. Please help us as we serve those sweet people who live there. They love these meetings each week.

Be watching at both the south and north doors going into the chapel for Sacrament Meeting for a new information sheet. This will have all the combined organizations upcoming events. We are hoping to reach all the sisters serving in all the different organizations.

Our ward family is being blessed not only by tender mercies but by the love and caring shown to all. Thank you for your ministering to one another and all the unseen service given. We continue to send our prayers and love to all. We love and appreciate you!

All sisters will, or have received, copies of their assigned ministering to serve and watch over. Not many changes but we welcome our newest YW ministering "angels" sisters.

Love from Kim, Kathi, Shelly and Charlene

Young Men

Teachers/Deacons:

Tuesday, February 5th
Family History, Apostasy,
Prophets

Tuesday, February 12th
Temple/Snowshoeing/Sledding

Tuesday, February 19thCombined activity - Ice Skating

Tuesday, February 26th
Temple/Snowshoeing/Sledding

Priests:

Tuesday, February 5thService night

Tuesday, February 12th Valentines cards

Tuesday, February 19th
Combined activity - Ice Skating

Tuesday, February 26th Rock Band at Bishop's

Our Young Men are valiant brethren in the Priesthood!

Young Women

Tuesday, February 5th
Personal Progress at the church
7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12th

New Beginnings for YW and their families- 7 p.m.

In the Relief Society Room

Tuesday, February 19th

Combined activity - Ice Skating

Meet at the church at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26thClass Activities





Primary

Yearly Theme:

New Testament

February Scriptures:

Matthew 3-5, Mark 1, Luke 3-6, John 2-4



February Songs:

Baptism (Children's songbook page 100) I will follow God's Plan (Children's songbook page 164) He Sent His Son (Children's songbook page 34)

Released: We'd like to thank those individuals who have done a fantastic job serving as Primary workers: Shannon Curtis, Jordan North, and Dave Ellis.

Sustained: We look forward to having Bishop Doug Milne and John Allred work with our Primary.

The Primary Presidency



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For Family History help please contact any of the Temple and Family History Consultants. We would be willing to come to your home or have you at ours to help you learn how to find your ancestors, and do the sacred temple work for them.

They are waiting for your efforts to help them progress.

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Join us for a special Women's Conference for the Sandy East Stake

The Beauty of Holiness: Ancient Perspectives on Women and the House of the Lord

Presented by Carli Anderson, Professor of Hebrew and Comparative Religion

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm The Stake Center

> All women 16+ invited Sunday dress please

Light dinner will be served

Please bring children's clothing or other donations for our service project

benefiting Operation Underground Railroad



Sandy Utah East Stake Women's Conference 2019

Our service project for this year's Women's Conference benefits Operation Underground Railroad's (O.U.R.) Aftercare Program. O.U.R. exists to rescue children from sex trafficking. O.U.R. undercover teams of former CIA and Special Ops personnel go into the darkest corners of the world to help local law enforcement liberate enslaved children and dismantle the criminal networks. Their Aftercare Program is committed to the journey of supporting survivors in their healing process. O.U.R. vets and assesses aftercare centers around the world, partnering with different organizations, safe homes and aftercare centers. This allows them to provide quality care as survivors heal from the trauma of trafficking. It is O.U.R.'s goal to ensure that a survivor has the resources to receive as much aftercare services as needed.

O.U.R. has provided us with the following list of current needs for their Aftercare Program.

There is a need for up to 75 of each of the following items:

Towels

Coats & Jackets – Boys and Girls (all sizes)

Jeans & Warm Clothing – Boys and Girls (all sizes)

Jeans & Warm Clothing – Girls (all sizes)

Boots – Boys Boys and Girls (all sizes)

Socks – Boys Boys and Girls (all sizes)

Underwear – Boys Boys and Girls (all sizes)

Blankets (Twin/Full/Queen)

Liquid Tide (or other liquid laundry detergent)

Liquid Hand-soap

There is a unlimited need for the following items:

Diapers – Sizes 5 & 6

Pull-ups

Baby Bottles

Formula

O.U.R. has requested that all items be new (no gently-used items). Additional information regarding Operation Underground Railroad can be found on their website, www.ourrescue.org.

We received an update on Silicon Slopes Tech Summit and Feeding Children Everywhere service project. The link we previously provided no longer works. The new link is https://www.eventbrite.com/e/silicon-slopes-serves-support-team-registration-53834336951. The shifts have been shortened to 2 hours.