

Indian Ridge Ward

January 2021 – The Restoration

“I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me... When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other -- ‘This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!’ ”

Those are the words of Joseph Smith, recounting the answer he received to humble prayer in the spring of 1820. And thus began the restoration of the gospel in the fullness of times. What a privilege for us to be participating in this restoration.

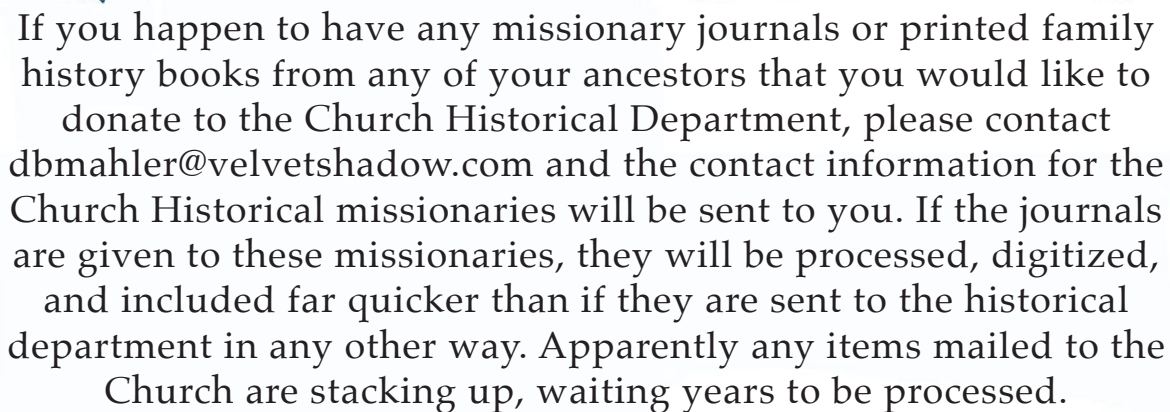
Here are a few of the blessings I thought of:

- Because the first vision happened, I know that Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost are three distinct personages.
- Because the first vision happened, I know that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ have a body of flesh and bone as tangible as man’s, and that the Holy Ghost is a personage of spirit.
- Because the first vision happened, I know that Jesus Christ is my Savior and central to the plan of salvation.
- Because the first vision happened, I know that the true church of Jesus Christ has been restored to the earth.
- Because the first vision happened, I know that the restoration is not “complete” but, as President Uchtdorf said, “the Restoration is an ongoing process; we are living in it right now.”
- Because the first vision happened, I know that the Priesthood, which is the power and authority to act in God’s name for the benefit and salvation of His children, is once again on the earth.
- Because the first vision happened, I know that there are prophets, seers, and revelators with the appropriate priesthood keys once again upon the earth and that by following their example and teachings I can be closer to the Savior.
- Because the first vision happened, I know that keeping the commandments is important, and that for those times when I am weak, I can repent.
- Because the first vision happened, I know that the Book of Mormon is another testament of Jesus Christ and I can get closer to God by abiding by its precepts than by any other book.

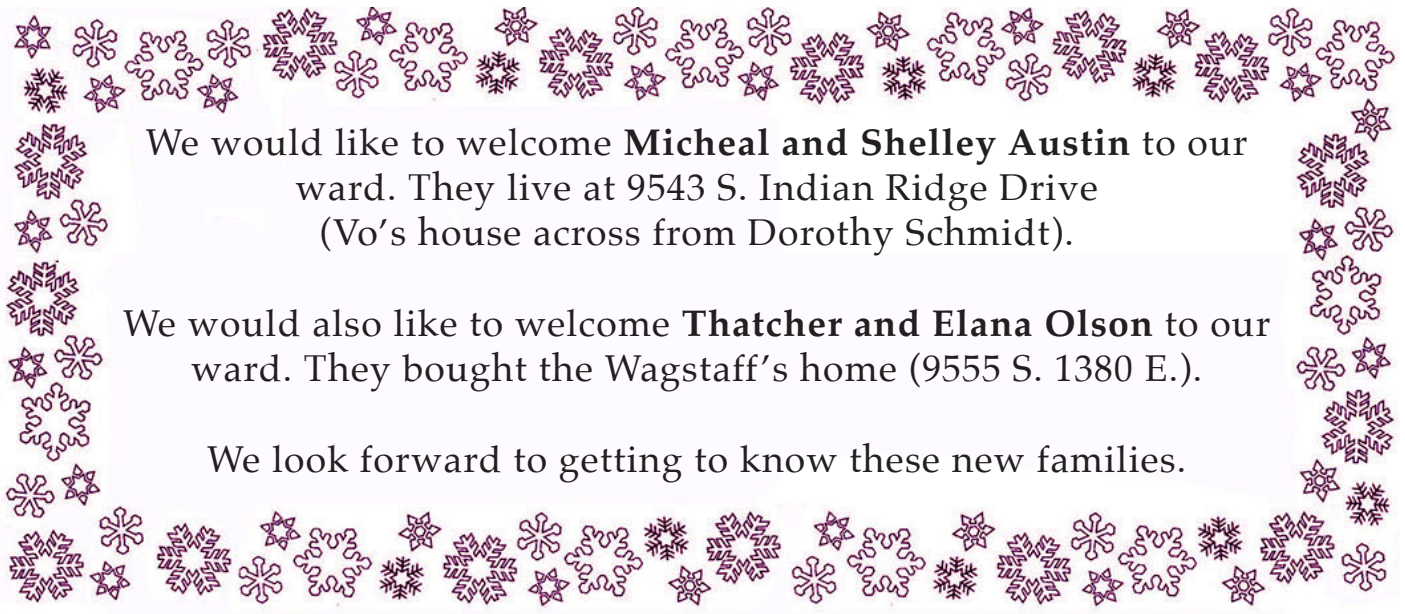
- Because the first vision happened, I know that the sweet relationships I have with my family will endure beyond death.
- Because the first vision happened, I know that I am a child of my Heavenly Father and that He loves me as a perfect father loves their child.

This list could continue for page after page as we dive into the tender feelings associated with our testimonies and the plain and simple truths that have been restored. I would encourage you to consider what you would add to this list as you ponder the blessings of the Restoration.

Your Bishopric



If you happen to have any missionary journals or printed family history books from any of your ancestors that you would like to donate to the Church Historical Department, please contact dbmahler@velvetshadow.com and the contact information for the Church Historical missionaries will be sent to you. If the journals are given to these missionaries, they will be processed, digitized, and included far quicker than if they are sent to the historical department in any other way. Apparently any items mailed to the Church are stacking up, waiting years to be processed.



We would like to welcome **Micheal and Shelley Austin** to our ward. They live at 9543 S. Indian Ridge Drive (Vo's house across from Dorothy Schmidt).

We would also like to welcome **Thatcher and Elana Olson** to our ward. They bought the Wagstaff's home (9555 S. 1380 E.).

We look forward to getting to know these new families.

Relief Society

We want to wish all of you a Happy New Year! I personally am looking forward to a new year and keeping a positive outlook for the future. Hopefully it can only get better. You are all special women and I wish the best for each of you in the new year. I want to share a quote from President Nelson in his article in this month's Liahona. It's also on the church's website titled "Grow into the Principle of Revelation." It's an inspiring article:

"When we receive revelation, we spend time in the presence of God as he reveals His mind, will, and voice unto us. D&C 68:4. May we put our faith in to action, calling upon Him, living worthy of His promised inspiration , and acting on the guidance we receive."

– President Nelson

I also liked this from the opening remarks in the Liahona which really resonated with me and has inspired me to be better in reading the Liahona (Ensign):

"Under the direction of living prophets, the Liahona magazine in our day is designed to help us know the way and how to walk it. Learning and living the gospel of Jesus Christ changes us. And when we have crossed our own desserts and oceans, we will find that following Him through both sun and storm has allowed Him to make us what He always knew we could become. "

All our love, Susan, Chyrrel, Keesha, & Marilyn



Young Men

We are going to hold Young Men's activities twice a month.
We are excited to have Elijah Bludworth and Sawyer Glauser
join Young Men's this year!

For ward members who would like any help
from our awesome Young Men,
please contact Greg Miles at gregmiles192@gmail.com



Young Women

Happy New Year to all our Young Women!
Welcome Clare Zitzelsburger to the Young Women.
We are so excited to have you join us!!

A new year brings the opportunity to look back and reflect on all the good
and maybe not so good and find renewed hope for the future.
Last year the Church came out with the new Youth Guidebook
instructing us how to grow in four different areas of our lives
by making goals.

We encourage you to reacquaint yourselves with the Youth Guidebook
by reading the first few pages and start thinking about
what goals you would like to set for yourself this year.

You have a purpose. Your Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ,
know you and love you. You are an important part of Their work,
and you can make a great impact on this world.

We look forward to spending time with each of you learning
and growing in the Gospel together.

The YW Presidency

Primary

A Message from your Primary Presidency:

Thank you to all who participated in the Primary Christmas Program! It was awesome and so are you! Thank you to Kathleen Harris for putting it all together. You are amazing! As 2020 comes to an end, we hope and pray that the situation improves so that we will be able to meet together once again. We miss you and we can't wait to resume regular Primary meetings! In the year 2021, the "Come, Follow Me" program we will be studying is the Doctrine and Covenants and the history of the Church. We are excited to begin this course of study with you. Have a wonderful new year and know that we love you and pray for you.

Linda, Kathleen, Shelly and Barbara

Activity Suggestion:

Help your children compare things that are temporary, like a bubble or a snowflake, with things that seem permanent, like a mountain or the sun. Ask them to find in Doctrine and Covenants 1 verses 37–38 something that the Lord said is permanent. Why is it a blessing to know that God's word "shall not pass away"?

January Birthdays:

Have a very special birthday!
Add a candle, blow it out.
Share your cake, and share your friendship;
That's what birthdays are about.

—(Children's Songbook #284b)

Clare Zitzelsberger	January 1
Reggie Harris	January 14
Remy Kramer	January 25
Elijah Blutworth	January 30





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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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Happy Birthday!

January 2021

- 1 Clare Zitzelsberger
- 6 Sherry Moore
Sheri Mortensen
- 12 Kennedy Bludworth
- 13 Rosemary DeHann
- 14 Reginald Harris
Wendy Capener
- 15 Chyrrel Cook
Dustin Kramer
Brenda Rodgers
- 16 Sylvie Brimley
- 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 Jamie Dake
Remy Kramer
- 26 Jordan Capener
Holly Miles
- 30 Elijah Bludworth
- 31 Mike Mitchell



February 2021

- 1 Diana Edmonds
- 3 Jay Nielsen
- 5 Ruth Clegg
- 6 Ron Baker