# Indian Ridge Ward

March 2023 - Developing Compassion and Charity

In Moroni 7:46-47, the prophet Mormon tells us, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail – But charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day it shall be well with him.

The life of the Savior reflects His pure love for all people. He gave His life for us. Charity is that pure love which our Savior Jesus Christ has. He has commanded us to love one another as He loves us. So, how do we develop compassion and charity like the Savior? We can study the life of Jesus Christ and keep His commandments. When we have uncharitable feelings, we can pray to have greater charity. We also must learn to love ourselves, which means that we understand our true worth as children of our Heavenly Father.

As President Thomas S. Monson taught, "None of us is perfect. I know of no one who would profess to be so. And yet for some reason, despite our own imperfections, we have a tendency to point out those of others. We make judgments concerning their actions or inactions. There is really no way we can know the heart, the intentions, or the circumstances of someone who might say or do something we find reason to criticize. Thus, the commandment: "Judge not."

As members of the church and as neighbors, we should want the best for those around us and not look for faults. We should want all those around us to be happy.

The Savior was our example of how to feel toward and treat others.

He despised wickedness, but He loved sinners in spite of their sins.

He had compassion for children, the elderly, the poor, and the needy.

He had such great love that He could beg our Heavenly Father to forgive the soldiers who drove the nails into His hands and feet. He taught us that if we do not forgive others, our Father in Heaven will not forgive us. He also said: "I say unto you,

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?" (Matthew 5:44, 46).

We must learn to love others as Jesus did.

May each of us strive to be more compassionate and more charitable. Pray for those around us and then do all we can to accomplish that pure love of Christ as we help others to come unto Him.

The Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric

## **Relief Society**

I often wonder if I'm doing enough as a parent.
Raising children during a tumultuous time in the world where everything can feel so big and overwhelming; especially the negative experiences of mortality, from that on a global/national scale to personal sadness, anxiety or depression. I have tried, as you may relate to, to come up with the antidote to all their future pain and struggles.

Of course, I cannot. But rather than feel hopeless,

I have recognized the great power and blessing the gospel will provide them. I can't help them avoid the experience of life because in doing so I would diminish not only their pain but their joy too. By helping them to discover the light within themselves and recognize and rely on it, they will come to know God lives and that they have a Savior who has made their victory through trials possible. I hope with this knowledge not only will their trials be easier to navigate but their joy and purpose in living will be greater.

#### Heber C Kimball said:

"To meet the difficulties that are coming, it will be necessary for you to have a knowledge of the truth of this work for yourselves. The difficulties will be of such a character that the man or woman who does not possess this personal knowledge or witness will fall. If you have not got the testimony, live right and call upon the Lord and cease not [until] you [attain] it. If you do not you will not stand. ... The time will come when no man nor woman will be able to endure on borrowed light. Each will have to be guided by the light within

himself. ... If you don't have it you will not stand; therefore seek for the testimony of Jesus and cleave to it, that when the trying time comes you may not stumble and fall."

I hope we all find purpose and power through Christ that will help us endure the worst and enjoy the best that our lives bring us.

Love, Kristen



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Birthday Celebration

HONORING THE

Relief Society

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 PM

THE INDIAN RIDGE WARD CHURCH BUILDING 9636 SOUTH 1700 EAST

DINNER WILL BE SERVED • RIDES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

In preparation for our RS Birthday party please email or text a photo of yourself as a young child/baby to Analisa Edmonds: analisaedmonds@gmail.com or 774-218-9773. You can also plan to bring a hard copy of your picture to Relief Society on March 12 and Analisa will immediately scan it and return it to you at the end of the RS Meeting.

## Young Men

**Tuesday, March 7 -** Broom Hockey - 7 p.m. at the church

**Tuesday, March 14 -** Church History Museum - Meet at the church at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21 - Combined YM/YW Activity - Paint Night

**Tuesday, March 28 -** Bowling - Meet at the church at 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 4 -** Baptisms at the Draper Temple - 8 p.m. - Meet at the church at 7:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 11 -** Stake Youth Activity

Tuesday, April 18 - Combined YM/YW Activity - Missionary Night

Tuesday, April 25 - Movie Night - 7 p.m.

Dates to remember: Stake Young Men Camp -

Wednesday, August 2 - Saturday, August 5



## Young Women

**Sunday, March 5 -** BYC - 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 7 -** Learn to crochet - 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 14 -** Swig and Spa - 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 19 -** Scripture brunch 11:15 a.m. at Reilly's

**Tuesday, March 21 -** Combined YM/YW Activity - Learn to paint and popcorn night - 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 26 -** Class Presidency Mtg - 11:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 28 -** High Fitness - 7:00 p.m.

## **Primary**

The Primary organization is beginning a challenge, this month, to be daily engaged with The Book of Mormon. We will be providing each child their own copy of the Book of Mormon along with a bag and a tracker. These items were chosen and created carefully. Families should decide how this challenge looks in their homes. Whether it is one verse or one chapter, together or alone, please find time to be immersed in the Book of Mormon's words. Use these items in a way that works best for your child and your home. There is no time limit or obligation to finish. Our goal and desire is for everyone to enjoy and learn from the Book of Mormon.

Children, parents, Primary teachers, and other friends are invited to watch a new Friend to Friend episode from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The broadcast premieres on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 10 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time) on various Church channels.

This Friend to Friend episode, titled "We Are God's Children," will feature activities, music, and messages from the Primary General Presidency.

Keila, Kim, Karissa, and Barbara



Emmett Fullmer March 6
Beckett Johnson March 7

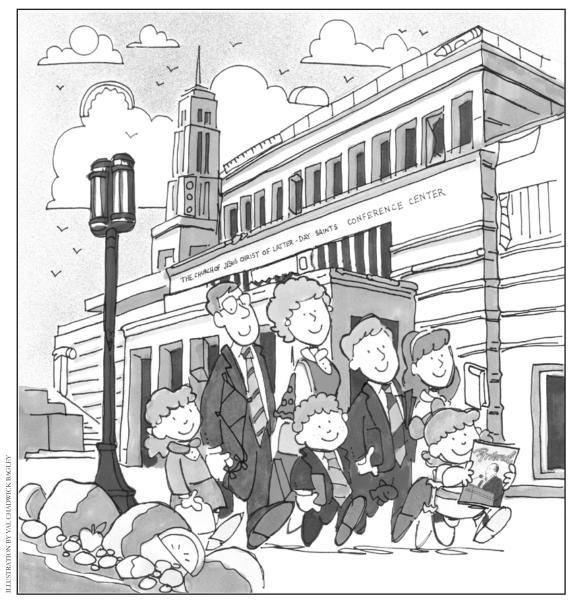
Lucia Kershaw March 8

Scottie Austin March 16

Valarry Kershaw March 23

## Conference Hidden Pictures





#### **General Conference Helps Us**

"Oh, how we need general conference! Through conferences our faith is fortified and our testimonies deepened."

~ Elder Robert D. Hales



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.

## **Ward Temple and Family History Consultants**

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FYI: Choir members voted to continue with the current Instant Choir format for this coming year, using simple arrangements of our hymns.

All ages and skill levels are welcome.

If you would be interested in performing in a small ensemble or family group, contact the director at rscott 4952@gmail.com

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## Happy Birthday!

### **March 2023**

- 2 Derek Brimley
- 3 Peri Eby
- 4 Cheryl Lewis
- 5 Charree Haislip
- 6 Emmett Fullmer
- 7 Shauna Francom Beckett Johnson Ginny Moon
- 8 Lucia Kershaw
- 9 Wade Mauer
- 13 Alison Brimley
- 14 Susan Johnson
- 16 Scottie Austin Charlene Farr
- 18 Joseph Arlt
- 19 Taylor Eby
- 21 Mac Bludworth
- 22 Becky Beseeso Beka Coleman Rebecca McLain Kris Robbins
- 23 Kristy Jones Valarry Kershaw
- 26 Ariel Martin
- 28 Lon Cook Garry True
- 29 Susan Milne
- 30 Alan Taylor
- 31 Sarah Green Elaine Peterson Steven Rex Sylvia Smallwood

### **April 2023**

- 1 Isabelle Hauber David Jones
- 2 Mandee Zamora

