

# Willow Canyon First Ward

August 2015 – Families

During these summer months, family reunions take on added importance. With nicer weather, school being out, and parents able to get time off, families gather and spend time together. Spending an afternoon, a day, or the better part of a week together with brothers and sisters, parents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and grandparents can bring solace to our busy lives. Reminiscing over fond memories of times past builds a stronger bond with each other. Family reunions bring together relatives we seldom see, as well as those we may see more frequently.

The Gospel teaches that the “Family” is the basic unit of society and the foundation upon which our Father in Heaven’s Plan of Salvation is centered. It is family that helps to steady our lives as we travel through this troubled world. Gathered together, families often relive faith-promoting memories and share testimony building experiences. This helps to strengthen the family unit, build family values, and gives us the fortitude to continue on.

Elder L. Tom Perry, in an October 2014, General Conference talk stated, “Many in our worried society understand that the disintegration of the family will bring only sorrow and hopelessness into a troubled world. As members of the Church, we have the responsibility to preserve and protect the family as the basic unit of society and eternity. The prophets have warned and forewarned about the inevitable and destructive consequence of a deterioration of family values.

“As the world continues to watch us, let us be certain that our example will sustain and support the plan the Lord has designed for His children here in mortality. The greatest teaching of all must be done by righteous example. Our homes must be holy places in order to stand against the pressures of the world. Remember that the greatest of all the blessings of the Lord come through and are given to righteous families.”

While extended families provide us with strength to live the Gospel and keep the commandments, the Prophets have taught that the most powerful teachings a child receives comes from concerned and righteous parents. As to the role of a righteous mother, President Gordon B. Hinckley has said, “Women who make a

house a home make a far greater contribution to society than those who command large armies or stand at the head of impressive corporations. Who can put a price tag on the influence a mother has on her children, a grandmother on her posterity, or aunts and sisters on their extended family?

“We cannot begin to measure or calculate the influence of women who, in their own ways, build stable family life and nurture for everlasting good the generations of the future. The decisions made by the women of this generation will be eternal in their consequences. May I suggest that the mothers of today have no greater opportunity and no more serious challenge than to do all they can to strengthen the [home]” (Standing for Something: 10 Neglected Virtues That Will Heal Our Hearts and Homes [2000], 152).

As to the role of a concerned and righteous father, Elder L. Tom Perry states, “Fathers give blessings and perform sacred ordinances for their children. These will become spiritual highlights in their lives. Fathers build family traditions by being involved in helping plan vacation trips and outings that will involve all of the family members. Memories of these special times together will never be forgotten by their children. Fathers teach sons and daughters the value of work and help them establish worthy goals in their own lives. Fathers set an example of faithful gospel service.”

Those to whom children look up to, and try to emulate, have an influence on their lives. Brothers and sisters; aunts, uncles and cousins; and grandparents all have a part in shaping a child’s life. But to a greater extent, they are guided by their parents. But Jesus Christ is the greatest example. Following Him can bring us everlasting peace.

Elder Perry also stated, “Our journey through life has periods of both good times and bad. Each presents different challenges. How we learn to adjust to the changes which come along depends on the foundation on which we build. The gospel of our Lord and Savior provides a sure and solid foundation. It is constructed piece by piece as we gain knowledge of the Lord’s eternal plan for His children. The Savior is the Master Teacher. We follow Him.”

- Your Bishopric

## Happy Birthday!!!



### August 2015

- 3 Greg Miles
- 5 Gayle Hansen
- 6 Al Walkenhorst  
Ellynore Banks
- 8 Rex Cook
- 9 Darrell Clegg  
John Strong
- 10 Crystal Weight
- 16 Barbara Bates
- 17 Nicole Miles
- 18 Marie Rawlings
- 21 Amanda Rich
- 22 Florence Nunley  
Christian McLesky  
Jocelyn Hauber
- 25 Teri Rousseau
- 26 Lori Hanson
- 27 Tom Hook
- 29 Gertrude Tiede
- 31 Nancy Parsons  
Brayden Ellis

## Relief Society

We are looking forward to the upcoming Ward Party on August 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Buttercup Park. Hope to see you all there and enjoy one another's company as neighbors and friends. Make sure to invite all the neighbors around you.

We wanted to thank all of you for being such good friends and neighbors to all! It's a blessing and a pleasure to live where we do and to have such great people around us!

Remember your Visiting Teaching. Get an early start before we get busy with school starting up again.

We love you!

Your Relief Society Presidency

## Ward Summer Picnic

will be held on Friday,  
August 21st at 6:30 p.m.  
at the Buttercup Park



Watch for food sign-up sheets  
on Sunday

## Upcoming Welfare Assignments

**Wednesday, August 5th - Welfare Square Cannery**  
730 West 800 South (Packaging)  
11:30 am to 3:30 pm - 4 people needed

**Thursday, September 10th - Deseret Dairy**  
784 West 700 South (Packaging) - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
5 individuals needed

**Please contact Mike Jones if you can help.**

## Young Men

### Priests/ Teachers

**August 5:** Young Men's Activity at 7:00 pm

**August 12:** Combined YW and YM Activity - Salt Lake Temple - Baptisms for the Dead - at 5 pm (meet at 4:30 pm)

**August 19:** No activity. Instead, come to the ward party on Friday, **August 21st**

**August 26:** Young Men's Activity at 7:00 pm

## Young Women

Thank you so much to Amy Clegg, Jenn Johnson, and Chloe Smith. The young women will miss you. Thank you for all the service and love you showed these girls!

### New YW Presidency

President: Crystal Weight

1st Counselor: Nina Hauber

2nd Counselor:

Secretary: Danielle Ellis

We are so excited to serve you and get to know you girls better.

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**August 26:** Personal Progress



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## Employment

For employment opportunities  
and information,  
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Lane Clark at: [info@SmashCRM.com](mailto:info@SmashCRM.com)

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801-571-7857.

## Stake Activity Days for Girls

Activity Days (Girls 8-11) Summer Party and Hoedown at the Stake Center:

**Monday August 3rd** 10 am-1 pm  
(girls only and lunch provided)

**Tuesday August 4th** 6:30 pm  
Daddy/Daughter Hoedown  
(Dinner and Line Dancing)

## Community News

The Willow Canyon Community Council has been asked by a pro-County person to give a special presentation that they have put together at our next meeting to show some of the advantages of staying as a County island.

We hope to have someone representing Sandy in the future.

The meeting is **Thursday, August 27** at 7:00 pm in the Sandy Library.

The Council wants to stay neutral on this issue as there are good pros and cons on each side.

Be informed so that you can vote the way that best meets your needs.

**Don't forget the Southeast Township Days "Last Blast of Summer" on August 22 at Big Bear Park at 9708 South Poppy Lane from 2:00 pm to Dark**

## Newsletter Submissions

Please submit your contributions for the September newsletter no later than August 25th to [dbmahler@velvetshadow.com](mailto:dbmahler@velvetshadow.com)

All auxiliaries are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter each month.

## Choir



As the singing group "The Happenings", in their 1966 song, would say.....  
"SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER"

We will be singing the third Sunday of each month starting in September.

## Empty Nesters

We will be having our annual barbecue on the 3rd Monday in August (17th) at the Scott's back yard.

The theme is Red-white-blue.

Everyone brings their own meat to grill and a side dish to share.

We really get some yummy food.

All Empty Nesters are welcome.

**Call 801-571-4952**

**to let us know you are coming.**

## Ward Summer Picnic

Friday, August 21st at 6:30 p.m.  
at Buttercup Park

Bring your picnic blankets and lawn chairs



# Primary

Yearly Theme: I Know My Savior Lives

Theme for August: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and He is a God of Miracles

Scripture for August: "For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I work not among the children of men save it be according to their faith" (2 Nephi 27:23)

We would like to congratulate Lothair Pendleton on receiving the Faith in God Award and also receiving the priesthood as he just turned 12.

We would like to welcome Sister Chloe Smith to Primary as a teacher for the five-and-six-year-olds. We would also like to thank Sister Danielle Ellis for her service as a Primary teacher.

Either this Sunday or the next we will be handing out CDs with the songs that we will be singing for the Primary Program. We ask that you please have your children listen to them often so that they can learn the words to the songs. Our program will be on September 27th. One of the songs that we will be singing is "Follow The Prophet". The words are listed here as this song will not be on the CD.

Follow the Prophet

Joseph Smith

Joseph was a prophet, first one in our day.  
He saw God and Jesus when he went to pray.  
He prayed with great faith to know which church was true.  
Jesus said to "Join none. The truth shall come through you."

Chorus

Follow the prophet, follow the prophet,  
Follow the prophet; don't go astray.  
Follow the prophet, follow the prophet,  
Follow the prophet; he knows the way.

President Monson

Heavenly Father love us and wants us to return.  
He blesses us with prophets who help us to learn.  
President Monson humbly leads the church today.  
As we heed his words, we'll walk a righteous way.

Chorus

