

# Indian Ridge Ward

## July 2020 – Repentance and Conversion

Back when I was working at work rather than at home, I would often go to lunch with coworkers. We would eat tasty food together and enjoy each other's company. Often, the food would have plenty of garlic or onions or other spices that would give me strong bad breath.

I knew I'd done it when after the kids went to bed and Crystal and I were on the couch, she would keep her distance rather than cuddling up to me. Once in a while she'll get a piece of gum for herself and offer one to me as well. I get that hint pretty quickly.

She's inviting me to partake so that we can sit close together again. My breath is offensive to her and it causes a separation between us. No matter how much I would like to sit close to her again, it's not going to happen until I get my breath fixed somehow.

When I was younger and hastier, I would be offended by her offer. If I'm not good enough for her as I am, then maybe we shouldn't sit together anyway. Now that I'm older, and hopefully a little less hasty, I can see that she doesn't like the separation any better than I do, so when she asks, "what did you have for lunch today" I quickly do what I can to fix things instead of getting offended myself.

When we sin, we become offensive to God. Just like Crystal still loves me even when my breath is stinky, God still loves us even if we have caused an offense to Him, but we cannot be in His presence because of our offensive nature. We separate ourselves from Him through our choices, and He would like nothing more than for us to get the minty fresh breath available through the power of the atonement of Jesus Christ so that we can enter His presence again.

Elder Anderson said in 2009 general conference:

“When we sin, we turn away from God. When we repent, we turn back toward God. The invitation to repent is rarely a voice of chastisement but rather a loving appeal to turn around and to “re-turn” toward God. It is the beckoning of a loving Father and His Only Begotten Son to be more than we are, to reach up to a higher way of life, to change, and to feel the happiness of keeping the commandments. Being disciples of Christ, we rejoice in the blessing of repenting and the joy of being forgiven. They become part of us, shaping the way we think and feel.”

May we each receive the blessings of repentance, feel the joy of being forgiven, have those blessings become a part of us to help us retain a remission of our sins and be converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your Bishopric

# Happy Pioneer Day!



## Relief Society

As we continue to reread talks given by our Prophet and leaders of our church we can find comfort and peace during this uncertain time. But as the Covid-19 numbers are going up here in our state as well as across the country, we find ourselves getting discouraged again. Consider this while studying Alma 50:23 **“But behold there never was a Happier time among the people of Nephi, since the days of Nephi, than in the days of Moroni.”** This was a time of war and devastation among the people of Nephi. And yet there never was a Happier time. There can be happiness even during a pandemic. It reminds us to count our many blessings and reminds us that our Heavenly Father is aware of each of us and will strengthen us as we turn to him in faith and prayer.

With Love,  
Susan, Chyrrel and Marilynn



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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.*

## Young Women

It was good to see many of you at our outdoor activity this past month!!  
As we mentioned, we will be coming up with a plan to do our own version of Girls' Camp this year. Stay tuned for the details...

Many of you may be finding it hard to stay positive during this time of the pandemic, as many of us are.

Here are a few scriptures to help lighten your load:

1 Corinthians 1:3-4

3. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

D&C 121:8

8. And then, if thou endure it well, God shall exalt thee on high; thou shalt triumph over all thy foes.

Much Love,  
YW Presidency



# Primary

## A message from the Primary Presidency:

We are sending our love to all the Primary children and their families. We hope you are staying well. The Stake Primary Presidency has given us some little gifts for all of you. We will be leaving them on your doorstep in the next few weeks. Know that we miss you and we pray for you and your families.

Love,  
The Primary Presidency

## Happy Birthday:

We all miss wishing the Primary children Happy Birthday, and singing a special song to them. When the need to stay home from church is over, we will celebrate the birthdays that we have missed. Until then, here are the July birthdays, we hope that each and every birthday is an awesome day.

Sawyer Glauser - July 2  
Jude Harris - July 16  
Soraya Mouti - July 22  
Noah Quinn - July 27

Eliza Hatton - July 13  
Thea Smith - July 16  
Elli Phillips - July 27  
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## Happy Birthday!

### July 2020

2 Sawyer Glauser  
4 Grant Pete  
7 Laura Bartholomew  
11 Nancy Williams  
13 Eliza Haton  
Kath Roberts  
15 Robert henline  
Robbie Morris  
David Warr  
16 Jude Harris  
Kent Nunley  
17 Marilyn Crapo  
Greta Phillips  
David Zitzelsberger  
18 Matthew Mangum  
19 Margie Guest  
Tonnie Killpack  
22 Soraya Mouti  
25 Robert Rawlings  
26 Jerry Farr  
27 Brent Gardner  
Ellinor Phillips  
29 Monica Jensen  
Steven Rich  
Gerry Visser  
31 Shauna Rieff

### August 2020

1 Kristine Mouti  
4 Chris Frakes

