# Indian Ridge Ward

November 2022 - Gratitude and Joy



On my walk home from work following a rainy day, I somehow decided to spend my four minutes thinking through a few things I am grateful for. "Clean running water" was my first and "neighbors that know my name and say hi" was my last. As I walked in the front door, I felt uplifted and positive. Later that night, I offered a prayer of thanks and acknowledged that He inspired me to think about gratitude on my way home after a rough day at work.

In positive psychology research from Harvard, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, and deal with adversity. Studies at the University of Montana found that people tend to feel more positive about themselves and others when they express gratitude and hear expressions of gratitude.

1 Thessalonians 5:16, 17 "Rejoice evermore...in every thing, give thanks"

As adults we can recognize that easiness and fun do not equal true happiness; happy and joyful moments come in and after hard work; and that joy can actually be found in difficult circumstances.

How to obtain true joy? The people of King Benjamin give us this recipe: 1) Desire it 2) Listen to and read the the words of Jesus and the prophets 3) Have some faith 4) Call upon Jesus Christ to apply His atoning blood of forgiveness 5) and then feel joy & peace. (Mosiah 4:1-3)

The noise of the world includes constant music, TikTok, FB, podcasts, and many other random things that consume our thoughts. Much of it is good. A bunch of it is a waste. We cannot simply allow "stuff" to consume us. Let's take charge of our eyes and ears! Fill our minds with goodness – make time for the words of Jesus Christ and the messages from the men and women who guide our church and teach the gospel. Turn down the noise and increase our joy(s). Instead of finding fault with coworkers, neighbors, politicians, and

family members, let's try an experiment and express more gratitude to all those around us. Let's help others feel loved and feel joy.

With our deepest love and acknowledgement of all the good that you are doing,

The Bishopric



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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# **Relief Society**

At the October 1982 General Conference, Marion G. Romney spoke about gratitude. He shared:

It has been said that "an ungrateful man is like a hog under a tree eating acorns, but never looking up to see where they come from."

He then went on to recount the familiar story when Christ healed the ten lepers. These lepers begged for mercy. They prayed for healing and yet as the story goes, only one returned in gratitude to thank Christ for what he had done.

"And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

"And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

"There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger."

It is easy to reflect on this story and become critical of the nine.

But how often are we guilty of similar ingratitude?

May we all take time in our darkest hours to remember where glimpses of light came from and on the sunniest days remark at all we have to be grateful for. Simple or grand, each of our lives are highlighted with miracles.

I hope we all can recognize the hand of God in our lives and be as the Samaritan in expressing our gratitude,

We are GRATEFUL for each of you and all you do to care for and love one another.

even during the busiest of seasons.

# Young Men

**Saturday, November 12 -** Combined YM/YW - Leaf Raking - 9 a.m.

Tuesday, November 15 - Combined YM/YW - Ice Skating

Tuesday, November 22 - No Activity - Happy Thanksgiving!

Tuesday, November 29 - Combined YM/YW Money & Life Smarts - 7 pm



# Young Women

Sunday, November 6 - BYC

Saturday, November 12 - Leaf raking, family members welcome!

Tuesday, November 15 - Combined YM/YW Ice skating

Sunday, November 20 - Scripture Brunch and gratitude activity

Sunday, November 27 - Class Presidency meeting

Tuesday, November 29 - Combined YM/YW Money & Life Smarts - 7 pm

# **General Election Information:**

10/25-11/4 In-office early voting

11/8 General election

# **Primary**

### SAVE THE DATE:

Temple and Priesthood Preparation

All Primary children, who will turn 12 in 2023

(Valiant 11 class), and their parents, are invited.

December 4, 2022 (It's coming quickly!) 12:00 PM - (During our regular 2-hr block)

Priesthood Preparation is held for 11-year-old boys and girls together. Their parents are also invited. The purpose is to help these children understand the blessings of temple service, priesthood service, and making and keeping sacred covenants. Possible topics for the meeting include priesthood purposes, responsibilities, ordinances, and blessings; helping boys strengthen their commitment to prepare to receive the priesthood; helping boys and girls understand their opportunities to participate in the work of salvation; and encouraging children to prepare to receive a temple recommend in January of the year they turn 12 and to participate worthily in proxy baptisms as their circumstances allow.

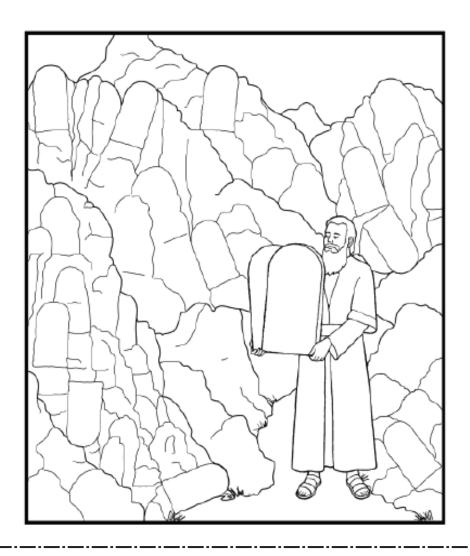


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# Hannah Allred November 1 Brooke Edmonds November 1

#### I can obey the commandments (Exodus 20:2-17).

Find and circle the ten tablets hidden among the rocks of Mount Sinai. On Moses's tablets, write a commandment that you will try harder to obey (or draw a picture of you obeying a commandment).



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# Happy Birthday!

# November 2022

- 1 Hannah Allred Mazie Allred Brooke Edmonds
- 2 Margie Aaron Teryle Caswell Richard Haight
- 3 Judith Arlt
- 5 John Allred Debra Hawkins John Mahler Ava Pickering
- 7 Kathleen Harris Scout Harris
- 9 Bonnie Ellis
- 10 Sherilyn Rex
- 11 Charles Schmitt
- 13 Jerry Cen Kari Williams
- 14 Isaac Miles Elizabeth Rawlings John Scott
- 16 Morgan Miller Annette Webster
- 17 Babara Kinsley
- 19 Shannon Curtis
- 21 Zinedine Mouti
- 22 Mandy Mounteer
- 24 Juliette Bradley
- 25 Shannon Bludworth
- 28 Lillian Allred
- 29 Robert Burnett Brooklyn Glauser
- 30 Jack Nydegger

# December 2022

- 1 Joel Weight Barbara Wightman
- 4 Mackenzie Glauser Matthew Miller













