



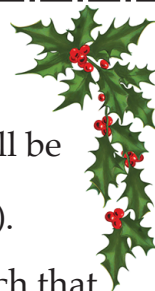
Indian Ridge Ward



December 2024 – The Four Gifts That Jesus Offers to Us



Christmas is more than just a tradition or a holiday; it is an outpouring of joy that comes from celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Jesus Christ’s birth is evidence that Heavenly Father loves His children so much that He sent His Son to show us the way to true happiness. It is indeed Wonderful! Celebrating the birth of Jesus reminds us how important the story of the Nativity really is, and it allows a time to reflect on what Jesus Christ provided for each of us.

President Russell M. Nelson spoke of four gifts Jesus Christ offers to each of us that we should each focus on this Christmas season. These four gifts include the unlimited capacity to love. Second, the ability to forgive. The third gift is repentance, and the fourth gift is a promise of life everlasting. President Nelson stated, “These four unique gifts will bring us more and more joy as we accept them. They were made possible because Jehovah condescended to come to earth as the baby Jesus. He was born of an immortal Father and a mortal mother. He was born in Bethlehem under the most humble of circumstances. His was the holy birth foreseen by prophets since the days of Adam. Jesus Christ is God’s transcendent gift — the gift of the Father to all of His children. That birth we joyfully celebrate each Christmas season.”

In Alma 7:10-12 we read, “And behold, he shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem which is the land of our forefathers ... And he shall go forth, suffering pains and afflictions and temptations of every kind; and this that the word might be fulfilled which saith he will take upon him the pains and the sicknesses of his people. And he will take upon him death, that he may loose the bands of death which bind his people.”

Jesus Christ’s birth was just a beginning step in allowing us to being able to return to Heavenly Father after our mortal lives. President Gordon B. Hinckley taught, “There would be no Christmas if there had not been Easter. The babe Jesus of Bethlehem would be but another baby without the redeeming Christ of Gethsemane and Calvary, and the triumphant fact of the Resurrection. I wish for each of you a time, perhaps only an hour, spent in silent meditation and quiet reflection on the wonder and the majesty of this, the Son of God.”

As we take time to quietly reflect as President Hinckley suggests, our gratitude and love for Jesus Christ will increase as we seek to learn more about the sacred event of His birth this Christmas season. The Prince of Peace came to this earth to provide a way for each of us to return to live with a loving Heavenly Father with our families forever.

May each of you have a wonderful Christmas season!

The Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric



INDIAN RIDGE WARD

PEACE ON EARTH



Saturday December 7th @6pm
1700 E Church Building

DINNER & FRIENDS

Elders Quorum

Announcements

EQ Basketball: Every Tuesday at 9 p.m. at our building -
Come and invite your friends!

Ward Temple Night Info

Friday December 20th
at 7:30 p.m.
Draper Utah Temple
Arrive by 7:00 p.m.
Endowments



"Spending more time in the temple builds faith. And your service and worship in the temple will help you to think celestial. The temple is a place of revelation. There you are shown how to progress toward a celestial life. There you are drawn closer to the Savior and given greater access to His power. There you are guided in solving the problems in your life, even your most perplexing problems."

Elder's Lesson Schedule

12/8 - God Loves All His Children by Gregorio E. Casillas
12/22 - Following Christ by Dallin H Oaks

Spiritual Thought

In a 2002 BYU devotional address titled "Christ the Savior Is Born", President Russell M. Nelson said, "Remember that the fulness of Christ's ministry lies in the future. The prophecies of His Second Coming have yet to be fulfilled. At Christmas, of course, we focus upon His birth. But, He will come again. At His First Coming, Jesus came almost in secret. Only a few mortals knew of His birth. At His Second Coming, the whole of humankind will know of His return. Then He will come, not as "a man traveling on the earth" (Doctrine and Covenants 49:22), but His glory "shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together"(Isaiah 40:5).

In President Nelson's most recent General Conference address, he said "Brothers and sisters, now is the time for you and for me to prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Now is the time for us to make our discipleship our highest priority. In a world filled with dizzying distractions, how can we do this? Regular worship in the temple will help us. In the house of the Lord, we focus on Jesus Christ. We learn of Him. We make covenants to follow Him. We come to know Him. As we keep our temple covenants, we gain greater access to the Lord's strengthening power. In the temple, we receive protection from the buffetings of the world. We experience the pure love of Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father in great abundance! We feel peace and spiritual reassurance, in contrast to the turbulence of the world.

As we enter this Christmas season, our hope and prayer is that each of us will schedule and find the time to worship Him in the temple. As President Nelson promised, "Every sincere seeker of Jesus Christ will find Him in the temple. You will feel His mercy. You will find answers to your most vexing questions. You will better comprehend the joy of His gospel." In the name of Jesus Christ, amen

Elders Quorum Presidency -- Trevor Hirschi - Jim Christensen - Tyler Thornton - Chad Austin

Indian Ridge Ward Choir

Choir practice
Sundays at 1:15 pm
in the chapel

We are performing
Sunday December 22nd

Our last practice before we perform will
be at 9am in the Relief Society Room

Relief Society

Upcoming Relief Society Lessons

- December 8** God Loves All His Children: Gregorio E. Casillas
Taught by: Mandy Layton
- December 22** Following Christ: Dallin H. Oaks
Taught by; Kandice Cotterell

Come Follow Me

- December 2-8** Moroni 1-6
December 9-15 Moroni 7-9
December 16-22 Moroni 10
December 23-29 Christmas

At a Glance

- December 11** Christmas Devotional
7 p.m. at the church
- December 12** Relief Society Temple Night
7:30 p.m. Initiatory session at Draper Temple
Group Name: Indian Ridge
Call or Text Beth Hirschi for a ride

"We do not come to the temple to hide from or escape the evils of the world. Rather, we come to the temple to conquer the world of evil."

-David A. Bednar





YOU'RE INVITED
TO THE RELIEF
SOCIETY



*Christ-Centered
Christmas
Devotional*

WEDNESDAY | **11** | DECEMBER
7PM | 2024

Indian Ridge Church
The Nydeggers are speaking
and we will exchange
goodies! Bring your friends
to celebrate with us!



Young Men



Sunday, December 1 - Stake Youth Fireside - Anchored in Christ -
7 p.m. at the Stake Center

Tuesday, December 3 - Combined YM/YW Activity -
Nativity in the Glen

Tuesday, December 10 - Combined YM/YW Activity - Widow Baskets

Tuesday, December 17 - Combined YM/YW Activity -
Book of Mormon Night

Tuesday, December 24 - Merry Christmas Eve!

Tuesday, December 31 - Happy New Year's Eve!

YOUNG WOMAN

December



ACTIVITIES:

CFM LESSONS:

Sunday

Dec 1st: Stake Youth Fireside
Sandy Utah East Stake Center - 7:00 pm

Dec 8th: Moroni 1-6
To Keep Them in the Right Way

Dec 3rd: Nativity in the Glen
Live Nativity in Salt Lake City
*Meet @ church at 6:00

Dec 22nd: Moroni 10
Come into Christ and Be Perfected in Him

Dec 10th: Widow's Baskets
*Meet @ church at 7:00 pm

Dec 30th: Christmas
*He Shall Come into the World to
Redeem His People*

Dec 17th: Book of Mormon Read-a-thon

BIRTHDAYS:



Dec 11th: *Scarlet North*

Dec 22nd: *Charlie Hess*

Dec 28th: *Emerson Werrett*

Behold,

**I AM A DISCIPLE OF
JESUS CHRIST,**

the Son of God. I have been
called of him to declare his
word among his people,
that they might have
everlasting life.

THE PROPHET MORMON
3 NEPHI 5:13



SANDY UTAH EAST STAKE

Anchored in Christ

A YOUTH FIRESIDE

December *1*ST 7:00 PM

SANDY UTAH EAST STAKE
CENTER

We can't wait to see you!



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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Primary

2 Nephi 19:6 "For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be called, Wonderful,
Counselor, The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
The Savior came into this world to be a light,
this December we too can be a light to others
through acts of kindness.
You can choose from the variety of ideas from
the Light the World initiative
or come up with your own.

This Sunday we will be handing out a bag to
each of the children with Nativity Story Stones.
Your child can use these to help learn and tell the
story of the Saviors birth.

We wish everyone
a wonderful Holiday Season.
Love the Primary Presidency



50 WAYS TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

- 1 Give your favorite book to a loved one.
- 2 Donate cans to your local food bank.
- 3 Smile at someone.
- 4 Leave a kind note for your mail carrier.
- 5 Invite a neighbor to a worship service.
- 6 Watch The Christ Child with family or friends.
- 7 Leave an uplifting comment on social media.
- 8 Visit with an elderly neighbor.
- 9 Text someone, "I'm grateful for you."
- 10 Tell a loved one they matter to you.
- 11 Be kind to yourself. Practice self-care.
- 12 Clean up trash in your community.
- 13 Send a funny meme or video to a friend.
- 14 Make a meal with a family member.
- 15 Go caroling with a group.
- 16 Take a walk with a friend.
- 17 Offer to teach someone a new skill.
- 18 Hold the door open for a stranger.
- 19 Host a family game night.
- 20 Pray for someone by name.
- 21 Volunteer at your local library.
- 22 Pay for the person behind you at the store.
- 23 Give a hug to a friend.
- 24 Forgive someone.
- 25 Invite others to a Christmas celebration.
- 26 Call someone you miss.
- 27 Learn to say "Merry Christmas" in a new language.
- 28 Carry an extra snack for someone in need.
- 29 Send a homemade Christmas card to a friend.
- 30 Plan some one-on-one time with a loved one.
- 31 Let a stranger go ahead of you in line.
- 32 Be patient with waitstaff and customer service.
- 33 Contribute to the Giving Machines locally or online.
- 34 Text a photo of a fond memory to a family member.
- 35 Learn how another culture celebrates Christmas.
- 36 Complete an item on a loved one's to-do list.
- 37 Ask a coworker how you can lighten their load.
- 38 Post about a loved one using #LightTheWorld.
- 39 Share a link to a holiday song that you love.
- 40 Help someone research their family genealogy.
- 41 Make a Christmas playlist and share it with a friend.
- 42 Send a thank-you note to a healthcare worker.
- 43 Stop to help someone who is having car trouble.
- 44 Leave a gift on a neighbor's doorstep.
- 45 Support a local small business.
- 46 Give your neighbor a compliment.
- 47 Let someone else be kind to you.
- 48 Help a loved one clean their home.
- 49 Apologize to someone.
- 50 Laugh with a friend.



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Happy Birthday!

December 2024

- 1 Joel Weight
- 4 Mackenzie Glauser
Matthew Miller
- 5 Porter Allred
Jeanene Clayton
Richard Crusier
Allyn Thompson
- 6 Jack Bradburn
- 7 Emma Higginson
- 9 Kate Thorley
- 10 Amanda Messerly
Hannah North
Matthew Swensen
- 11 Scarlett North
- 12 Levi Taylor
- 16 Alan Harris
Archer Hess
- 18 Betsy Allred
Dorothy Mahler
- 22 Charlie Hess
- 23 Amber Williams
- 24 Liam Ellis
- 26 Kelsie Jefferies
Lynn Jensen
- 27 Tara Diddins
- 28 Emerson Werrett
- 30 Scott Wiliams



January 2025

- 1 Clare Zitzelsberger
- 4 Nancy Fletcher
John Slauson
- 6 Jada Lewis

