

November 2024 - Remember to Pray

Brothers and Sisters, life can be challenging. We are seeing the struggles that our families are experiencing within our ward. As a bishopric, we would like to remind you all that we should always have our hearts focused on Jesus and his teachings. We need to remain grateful for our savior Jesus Christ and for all that he has done for each one of us.

Most of all we need to remember to pray.

In reference to the Song "Did You Think to Pray?" and the last few lines in the last verse. "When Sore Trials Come upon you, did you think to pray?", "When your soul was full of sorrow, Balm of Gilead did you borrow?"

When trials arise, when we are full of sorrow, when we need help, we should always reach out in prayer. But what is the Balm of Gilead and what does it mean?

The Bible records that in ancient times there came from Gilead beyond Jordan, a substance, usually a cream, used to heal and soothe. It comes from the resin from a tree native to the Arabian Peninsula. This resin was put on wounds for healing and soothing and was a major commodity of trade in the ancient world.

The balm of Gilead became symbolic due to its power to soothe and heal.

Our Heavenly father loves us perfectly. We can trust that he will answer our prayers, but it falls on us to listen and be patient and grateful for the answers we receive. We also know there may be times when we don't like or accept the answers we receive, or the answers are taking longer to receive than you hoped for. It is crucial that we recognize that our Heavenly Father knows what is needed in our life, and how to direct us through our trials. We do not want to get his gift of an egg and turn it into a scorpion, or the gift of a fish and turn it into a serpent, or his gift of bread and we turn it into a stone. (Luke 11:9-13)

Jesus Christ is our ultimate gift, his love and sacrifice for each of us has no bounds. He is the Balm. The balm that will heal our wounds from sin, sooth our worries and heal our broken hearts. We testify that he loves every one of us and all he asks for in return is that we follow his teaching. When life seems overwhelming do you think to pray? Do you pray with your whole heart? Did you magnify your prayers with fasting?

We urge everyone to remember to pray every day. Remember that our Savior will never leave us and that he is the balm of Gilead.

The Bishopric

Conference Talk - Pray Always Elder David A. Bednar October 2008

Announcements

Elders Quorum

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

November 6th 7-8:30pm - Ministering Interview Night at our building. Come with your companionship for a quick interview. Donuts and root beer will be provided

Ward Temple Night Info

Friday November 15th 8 p.m.
Draper Utah Temple
Arrive by 7:30 p.m.
Sealings



"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

11/10 The Triumph of Hope - Neil L. Anderson 11/24 "This is My Gospel" - "This is My Church" - Dale G. Renlund

Spiritual Thought

On October 3, 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issued a Proclamation on Thanksgiving. He said, "the year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart of which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God...

"No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the **Most High** god, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy... I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in Heavens."

With all the events, good and bad, surrounding us at this time we should follow the example of President Lincoln and look for the blessings that we do have.

As hymn 241 counsels, "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done." (emphasis added)

We should sincerely thank our Father in Heaven for the blessings that we can receive. "In **every thing** give thanks: for this the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (I Thessalonians 5:18) "And he who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious; and the things of this earth shall be added unto him, even **hundred fold**, yea, more." (D&C 78:19)

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



Upcoming Relief Society Lessons

November 10 The Triumph of Hope

Neil L. Anderson

November 24 "This is My Gospel" – "This is My Church"

Dale G. Renlund

Come Follow Me

November 4-10 Mormon 7-9 November 11-17 Ether 1-5 November 18-24 Ether 6-11

At a Glance

November 14 Stake Women's Christmas Craft Night

7-9 pm at the Stake Center (1600 E. Buttercup Dr.)

November 16 Super Saturday

9am – 2pm at the church Lunch served at Noon

December 11 Christmas Devotional

7 pm at the church





CLASSES

Self Defense ~ Christmas Wood Crafts ~ Hobby Lobby Earrings President Nielson's Teachings for Women ~ Fernwood Mints

Young Men

Tuesday, November 5 - no activity - Election Day

Tuesday, November 12 - Stake Youth Activity - Ice Skating -Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19 - Combined YM/YW Activity - Widows Dinner -Time TBD

Tuesday, November 26 - Activity TBD

TIVITIES:

Nov 5th: No Activity

so all adult member have the opportunity to vote

Nov 12th: Stake Combined YM/YW

Ice Skating @ Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

*Meet @ church at 6:30

Nov 17th: Scripture Brunch
1:00 pm @ Sister Johnson's

Nov 19th: Combined YM/YW

Widow's Dinner *Meet @ church at 5:30 to set up

Nov 26th: Baptisms @ Draper Temple *Meet @ church at 5:00 pm

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 1st: Masie Allred

Hannah Allred

Nov 7th: Kathleen Harris

Nov 9th: Bonnie fllis

Eddie Allred Nov 28th:

LESSONS:

Nov 10th: Mormon 7-9

I Speak Unto You as If Ye Were Present

Nov 24th: Ether 6-12

That Evil May Be Done Away

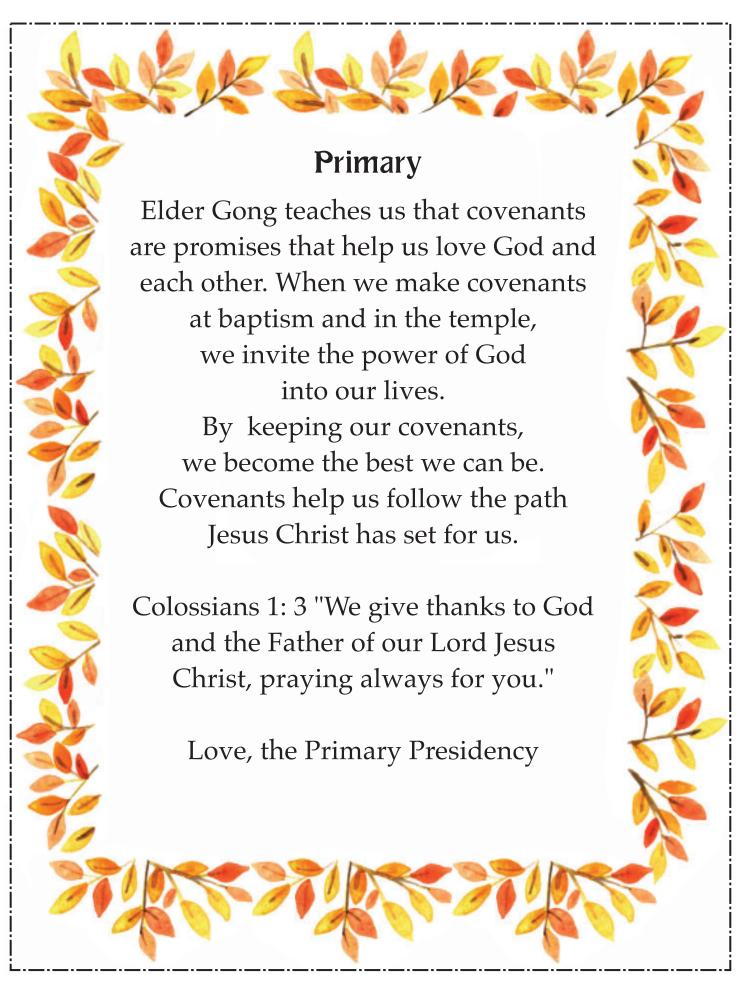


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Choir practice
Sundays
at 1:15 pm
in the chapel





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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Important dates regarding the elections:

Nov 4th Ballot postmark deadline

Nov 5th REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION



The ability to appreciate beauty is of God. Especially in one another. Look for beauty in everyone you meet, and you'll find it. Everyone carries divinity within them. And everyone we meet has something to impart.

