

Indian Ridge Ward

February 2025 – Point Your Soul Toward the Savior

As January comes to a close, I want to remind you to continue pointing your soul toward the Savior.

It can be as simple as reading a scripture verse each day, going to the temple, listening to a conference talk, watching a church video, or tuning into a spiritual podcast. The Lord is our beacon on the hill, our safe harbor. He wants us all to come unto Him, and the only condition is, that it will require a little bit of effort. Remember, the Lord loves effort, and He will bless us if we never stop trying.

I'm reminded of the story of the brother of Jared in Ether 2:23-25. He was faced with the challenge of how to provide light for the barges he was instructed to build. The Lord could have easily solved this problem for him, but the Lord wanted the Brother of Jared to put forth a little bit of effort and to think outside the box. As a reminder there were specific parameters of — no windows, and no fire on the barges. So how was he to provide light?

This story teaches us a valuable lesson that can be applied to our lives today: the Lord wants us to return to Him, and He also wants to bring us safely home. Our parameters that we need to follow are being baptized, make temple covenants, obey the Lord's commandments and most importantly, endure to the end, just as the Brother of Jared did. We cannot sit back and wait for the Lord to solve our problems for us, we too must take action in our own lives.

In Ether 3, we read that the Brother of Jared didn't just say, "Whatever you decide, Lord, I'm fine with it." No, he went to work — he climbed a mountain, he melted rock, and he created 16 small stones. He then brought them to the Lord and asked that He touch them so they would "shine forth in the darkness." These stones are what provided the light they needed in the barges.

Brothers and Sisters, the question we need to ask ourselves is, are we making efforts toward our salvation or are we waiting for the Lord to do it all for us? The Lord will never choose our path for us, we must be making that constant effort. I encourage you to put forth the effort, to climb your mountain, to forge your path. If you haven't yet set your goals for 2025 — or if you're looking to add to your goals — consider strengthening your testimony of our Savior Jesus Christ. In doing so, you will build a stronger foundation. Through Him, he will be the steady light in your life. Through him, you will be brought safely home.

Conference talk
An Ensign to the Nations October 1989
President Gordan B Hinkley

Elders Quorum

Announcements

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

Ward Temple Night Info

Friday, February 21st
at 7:30 p.m.
Draper Utah Temple
Arrive by 7:00 p.m.
Proxy Endowment



"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

2/9 - Holiness to the Lord in Everyday Life by Gerrit W. Gong
2/23 - The Joy of Our Redemption by Kristin M. Yee

Spiritual Thought

"If the Atonement is the foundation of our faith (and it is), then no one should be content with a casual acquaintance of this doctrine. Instead, the Atonement should be paramount in our intellectual and spiritual pursuits." (Tad R. Callister, *The Infinite Atonement*, p. 11)

Elder Bruce R. McConkie taught, "Now, the atonement of Christ is the most basic and fundamental doctrine of the gospel, and it is the least understood of all our revealed truths. Many of us have superficial knowledge and rely upon the Lord and his goodness to see us through the trials and perils of life. But if we are to have faith like that of Enoch and Elijah, we must believe what they believed, know what they know, and live as they lived.

"May I invite you to join with me in gaining a sound and sure knowledge of the Atonement." (A New Witness for the Articles Of Faith, xv)

Tad Callister wrote, "Every attempt to reflect upon the Atonment, to study it, to embrace it, to express appreciation for it, however small or feeble it may be, will kindle the fires of faith and work its miracle towards a more Christlike life. It is an inescapable consequence of so doing. We become like those things we habitually love and admire. And thus, as we study Christ's life and live His teachings, we become more like him." (The Infinite Atonement, p. 17)

Elders Quorum Presidency

Trevor Hirschi - Jim Christensen - Tyler Thornton - Chad Austin

Relief Society

Upcoming Relief Society Lessons

- February 9** Holiness to the Lord in Everyday Life:
Gerrit W. Gong
Taught by: Amanda Layton
- February 23** The Joy of Our Redemption: Kristin M. Yee
Taught by: Rachel Stone

Come Follow Me - Doctrine and Covenants

- February 3 - 9** Doctrine and Covenants 6 - 9
- February 10 - 16** Doctrine and Covenants 10 - 11
- February 17 - 23** Doctrine and Covenants 12 - 17;
Joseph Smith-History 1:66 - 75

At a Glance

- February 1** Relief Society Temple Day – Initiatory
9:00 a.m. (arrive by 8:45 a.m.) Draper Temple
Call or text Beth Hirschi for a ride,
801-598-0688

“If you don’t yet love to attend the temple, go more often – not less. Let the Lord, through His Spirit, teach and inspire you there. I promise you that over time, the temple will become a place of safety, solace and revelation.”

-Russel M. Nelson

- February 26** Relief Society Self Care Night
7 p.m. at the church



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
RELIEF SOCIETY

Self Care Night

FEBRUARY 26 | 7:00PM

AT OUR CHURCH BUILDING
IN THE RS ROOM

Young Men

Tuesday, February 4 - Combined YM/YW Planning Activity -
7 p.m. at the church

Tuesday, February 11 - Cooking Class at the Valora's

Tuesday, February 18 - Combined YM/YW Activity - TBD

Tuesday, February 25 - Combined Stake Youth Activity -
More info to come



Y o u n g W o m e n

F E B R U A R Y

ACTIVITIES

- 4th: Combined YW|YM
Yearly Planning Meeting
- 11th: Valentines Craft and Service project
Heart attacking neighbors
- 18th: Combined YW|YM
TBD @ planning meeting
- 25th: Stake Combined YW|YM
Hosted by Wildflower Ward

LESSONS

- 9th: D&C 6-9
This is the Spirit of Revelation
- 23rd: D&C 12-17; JS-H 1:66-75
Upon You My Fellow Servants

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st: *Mia Stone*
- 9th: *Ava Anderson*
- 21st: *Ella Metcalf*
Keesha Wilson



LOOK

UNTO

CHRIST

DOCTRINE & COVENANTS 6:36



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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**Choir practice
Sundays
at 1:15 pm
in the chapel**



Primary

We in the Primary Organization feel blessed to be able to share our love with your children! They are so much fun and we learn Christlike attributes from them. We learn how to love others and to be forgiven easily. To learn how easy it is to laugh from the little things in life and how fun is almost everywhere. Many scriptures describe the love our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ have for our little children. Christ has said, we must become as little children to enter His Kingdom.

"Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3-5)

I also love, 3 Nephi 17:21 "And he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them"

Kids grow so fast and we hope this 'month of love' to be a month of opportunities for us to share with our family, friends and neighbor's many fun and loving memories of kindness!

At a glance:

Girls Activities Days:

February 7th and 21st at 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Boys Activities Days:

Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Have an amazing February and Happy Valentines!

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Happy Birthday!

February 2025

- 1 Gary Brough
Diana Edmonds
Mia Stone
- 2 Will Bradburn
- 3 Jay Nielsen
- 4 Remington Wilson
- 5 Rachael de Azevedo
- 6 Ron Baker
- 8 Austin Anderson
- 9 Ava Anderson
- 10 Donna Rose
Ben Werrett
- 11 Decklyn Hirschi
- 15 Mitchell Coleman
Kirk Hess
- 16 Doug Ballard
Brenda Miller
- 21 Ella Metcalf
Keesha Wilson
- 23 Lindsay Kramer
- 24 Marilynn Hampton
- 25 Ybhill Anderson
- 26 Linda Carnes
Strider Curtis
- 27 Lee Guest
Alec Jones

March 2025

- 2 Janet Ballard
Derek Brimley
- 3 Peri Eby