

# NORTH CANYON 5<sup>TH</sup> WARD SPIRE

## Conversion

What is conversion? What does it mean to be converted to the Lord and His gospel? From the Gospel Topics section found on [www.churchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org) we learn more about what conversion is.

Conversion includes a change in behavior, but it goes beyond behavior; it is a change in our very nature. It is such a significant change that the Lord and His prophets refer to it as a rebirth, a change of heart, and a baptism of fire. The Lord said:

“Marvel not that all mankind, yea, men and women, all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, must be born again; yea, born of God, changed from their carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness, being redeemed of God, becoming his sons and daughters;

“And thus they become new creatures; and unless they do this, they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God” (Mosiah 27:25–26).

Conversion is a process, not an event. Conversion comes as a result of righteous efforts to follow the Savior. These efforts include exercising faith in Jesus Christ, repenting of sin, being baptized, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and enduring to the end in faith.

Although conversion is miraculous and life changing, it is a quiet miracle. Angelic visitations and other spectacular occurrences do not bring conversion. Even Alma, who saw an angel, became converted only after he “fasted and prayed many days” for a witness of the truth (Alma 5:46). And Paul, who saw the resurrected Savior, taught that “no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost” (1 Corinthians 12:3).

The Book of Mormon provides descriptions of people who are converted to the Lord:

They desire to do good. King Benjamin’s people declared, “The Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually” (Mosiah 5:2). Alma spoke of people who “could not look upon sin save it were with abhorrence” (Alma 13:12).

They do not rebel against the Lord. Mormon told of a group of Lamanites who had been wicked and bloodthirsty but who were “converted unto the Lord” (Alma 23:6). These people changed their name to the Anti-Nephi-Lehies and “became a righteous people; they did lay down the weapons of their rebellion, that they did not fight against God any more, neither against any of their brethren” (Alma 23:7).

They share the gospel. Enos, Alma the Elder, Alma the Younger, the sons of Mosiah, Amulek, and Zeezrom dedicated themselves to preaching the gospel after they became converted to the Lord (see Enos 1:26; Mosiah 18:1; 27:32–37; Alma 10:1–12; 15:12).

They are filled with love. After the resurrected Savior visited the people in the Americas, “the people were all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land, both Nephites and Lamanites, and there were no contentions and disputations among them, and every man did deal justly one with another. ...

“And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.

“And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God.

“There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of -ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God”

# Come Follow Me

## Come Follow Me August

**July 26 – August 1**

Doctrine and Covenants 84

**August 2 – 8**

Doctrine and Covenants 85 – 87

**August 9 – 15**

Doctrine and Covenants 88

**August 16-22**

Doctrine and Covenants 89-92

**August 23-29**

Doctrine and Covenants 93

## From the Life of Ezra Taft Benson

On January 5, 1986, President Ezra Taft Benson presided at a stake conference in Annandale, Virginia—his first stake conference as President of the Church. Latter-day Saints in attendance were “visibly moved” as they listened to him speak. In his sermon, “he bore testimony of the power of the Book of Mormon to change lives and lead people to Christ.” He issued a “spirited challenge [to] study this book of scripture.”



# *Elder's Quorum*

Our Savior is the key figure in Heavenly Father's Plan of Salvation.

His resurrection gives us the encouragement to keep all of God's commandments.

His atonement gives us the strength to endure the burdens of this life.

The Prophet Joseph Smith has summarized this in the 3rd article of faith-  
*"We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved  
by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel."*



***We want to thank all our brethren who have given Christ-like service,  
and MINISTERING to those in need in our ward***

**Ward Activity upcoming- Sat. August 14th  
(Sponsored by the Elders Quorum)**

# Relief Society

Our dear sisters,

It has been such a pleasure to begin to gather again together as sisters in our Relief Society. We are enjoying the opportunity to learn and grow together through our discussions and activities. We rejoice to find ourselves in classes and temple meetings again.

Each of you, individual or small as you may feel, has a wide sphere of influence in your families and among those you associate with. One thing we see daily in action in this ward is how wonderful you are at taking care of one another. Ministering is seen daily as a natural outpouring of God's love for those around you. As Alma established the church among the Nephites, he watched them as "therefore they did watch over their people, and did nourish them with things pertaining to righteousness" (Mosiah 23:18). Likewise, we witness a great deal of your loving watchcare.

Elder Packer has often described our "worldwide circle of sisterhood." He declared, "This great circle of sisters will be a protection for each of you and for your families. The Relief Society might be likened to a refuge - the place of safety and protection - the sanctuary of ancient times. You will be safe within it. It encircles each sister like a protecting wall."

As we rekindle friendships, visit, and minister to one another, may we be filled with love and care for the challenges we are all facing. So many of our sisters are bearing difficult physical, emotional, and spiritual challenges. Our hearts must go out to one another. We are so grateful for your love and care manifest in our neighborhood. We are truly grateful for our North Canyon "circle of sisterhood."

## Upcoming Activity:

Please join us for our Relief Society Summer Social on August 10th at 6:30 in the backyard of Ashley Phillips, 609 Meadowlark Lane. It will be a wonderful time to visit together and enjoy good food.

## August Lessons:

Aug. 8--Tammi Brice: "Why the Covenant Path," by Elder Christofferson

August 22—Courtney Morrill: "Our Sorrow Shall Be Turned into Joy," by Elder Palmer

We will hold Relief Society in the Relief Society room, but, for those of you who are unable to attend, please join us on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97535532922?pwd=ZEdFWmRZQnF1S1owendUWXUxUHFEQT09>

Meeting ID: 975 3553 2922

Passcode: charity



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

August 1 Melissa Meldrum

August 5 Julie Hansen

August 6 Kaitlyn Meldrum

August 7 Faye Anderson

August 12 Kay Gerber and Lisa Tippetts

August 14 Stacy Steckler

August 22 Merritt Creighton

August 31 Jasmine Porter

# Relief Society Humanitarian Committee

Thank you to everyone who has worked on and updated their 72-hour kits! Congratulations to Faye & Kristi Anderson for winning the last drawing of the 2 emergency sleeping bags and tent. Final reminder to switch out your emergency water bottles every 6 months, make sure you have clothes that fit everyone, and have emergency numbers and contact information in your packs.

For the next Humanitarian Project, we will be working with the Ladies of Charity – Center of Hope Pantry. We will be taking money donations from now until we meet the pantry costs of \$352 (hopefully by September). This money goes to provide food essentials for families in South Davis, such as cheese, eggs, milk, and fruit. Just add your donation to the “OTHER” portion of your tithing slip and write in “HUMANITARIAN” and the money will be set aside for this project.

As always, we thank you for your generosity as we serve the needs of those around us.

*-Your Humanitarian Committee*

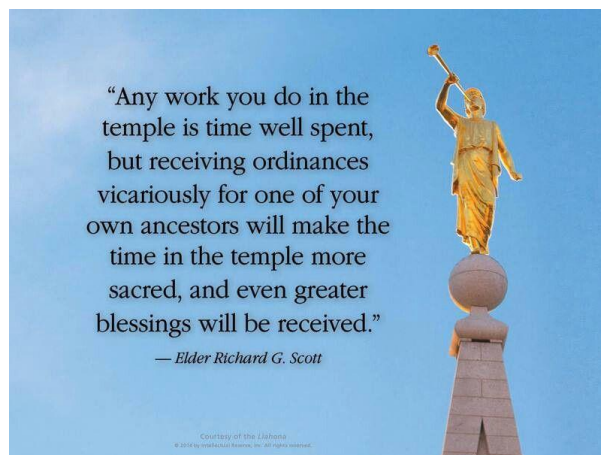
## Ward Temple and Family History

Temple and Family History  
August 2021

The Bountiful Temple is in phase 3. That means that not only live ordinances can be performed, by appointment, but also proxy ordinances can be done. It is necessary, however to make appointments for proxy ordinances. Proxy baptisms, initiatory, endowments and sealings can be scheduled. It is necessary to plan ahead because there are limited numbers of seats available for the endowment and sealing sessions and initiatory times. Baptism times are pretty much full through December. Ordinances can be scheduled by going to the Bountiful Temple web site and scheduling an appointment time. Many times are completely filled in August, September and October. But if you are flexible you might be able to find a time to attend the temple.

Do not forget family history work. This can still be done. Family Search is available on line. Our local family history library is now open and available for those who wish to use their services. Additionally, the Church Family History Library in Salt Lake City is now open as well with upgraded work stations and services.

Lawrence Schreiner  
Ward Temple and Family History Leader



# Young Women

Some of our Young Women had a rare opportunity to do Baptisms for the Dead at the Brigham City Temple on July 9th. It was a beautiful day and such a great experience for our youth to get back to the temple. In our last general conference President Henry B. Eyring talked about how joy, hope and optimism can grow out of temple experiences as well as personal revelation. President Eyring said, "The temple is a holy place where revelation comes to us easily if our hearts are open to it and we are worthy of it." These are amazing blessings all of us need. We would like to give a special thank you to Leslie Butler for finding and making this appointment and for all the young women, young men, leaders, and parents who participated and helped make this wonderful temple experience happen. We hope it can be repeated in the near future!



# Primary

## Activity Days Schedule

August 11 @ 3:45

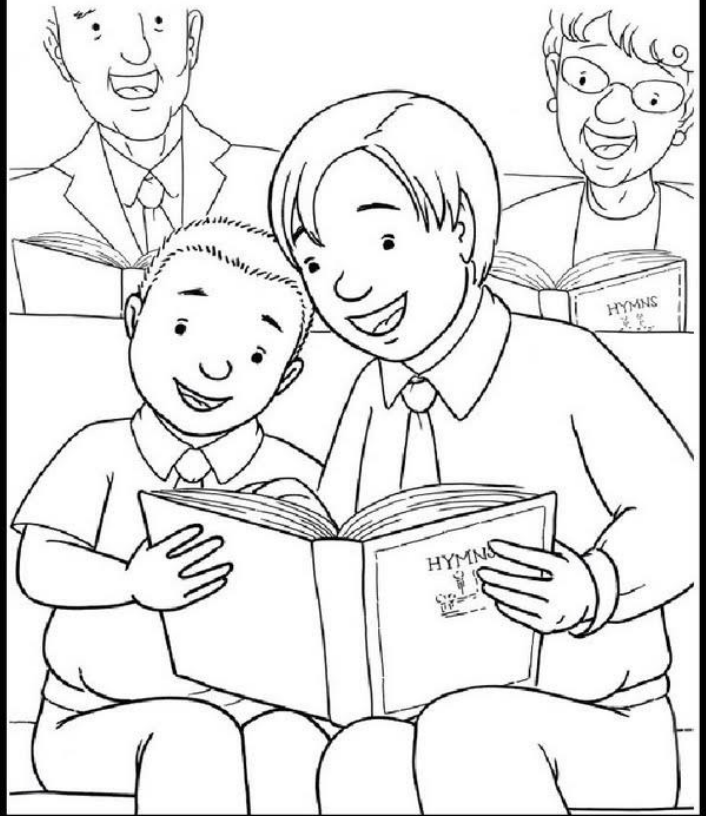
August 25 – No Activity – First week of School



## ...Showing Love



## ...Giving My time



## ...Helping Others



## ...Showing Kindness



# MISSIONARY MOMENT

Hey y'all!

I've been out here in the Carolinas for about 16 months now, and I love it out here! I'm currently in Hickory, NC which is in the more mountainous area of my mission. I've had lots of fun and I've learned a ton out here!

I think one of the most important lessons I've learned on my mission is charity. As a missionary you have the opportunity to meet all kinds of different people, and not all of them are super nice to us all the time. But as missionaries and as members of the church, it's our job to love them anyway! Which definitely isn't easy, but it's been an extremely valuable lesson for me to learn. The savior taught: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." So I encourage you to take extra effort this month to love and be kind, especially if it may not be easy!

I love you all and I hope that you're all doing well! God bless!

Elder Loftus



# Neighborhood Happening

## **Comings and Goings:**

This month we welcomed a couple new families in our ward, Darrin and Monica Thiriot and Tucker & Savannah Evans. Please do your best to introduce yourselves and welcome these new members.

On the flip side, we said good-bye to some dear friends this month as well. We are sad to see Ron & Freda Young, Johan Gibb, Emilie Turpin, and the Nathan & Elena Davis family moving on. We wish them all the best in their new wards!

## Congratulations

Noah Wright on his mission call to Chile Santiago North mission departing November 2

Sabrina Hooker on her mission call to Pape'ete Tahiti mission departing September 13



### **August 1, 2021**

Melissa Meldrum  
Mathew Morrill  
Joseph West

### **August 4, 2021**

Vivie Jensen

### **August 5, 2021**

Julie Hansen  
Rylie Johnston

### **August 6, 2021**

Kaitlyn Meldrum

### **August 7, 2021**

Faye Anderson  
Ryan Sorenson

### **August 9, 2021**

Elaine Thompson  
Emily Vedaa

### **August 10, 2021**

Nathan Davis

### **August 11, 2021**

Hayden Coffey  
Curt Hansen  
Dylan Hansen

### **August 12, 2021**

Kay Gerber  
Lisa Tippetts

### **August 14, 2021**

Thea Ericksen  
Stacey Steckler

### **August 15, 2021**

Joshua Hansen  
Leo Samuelsen

### **August 16, 2021**

Jessica Freebairn

### **August 17, 2021**

Darryl Brown  
Jared Gardner

### **August 18, 2021**

Rodger Calder

### **August 19, 2021**

Saydee Schnebly

### **August 21, 2021**

Joshua Hansen

### **August 22, 2021**

Merritt Creighton

### **August 23, 2021**

Luke Hansen

### **August 24, 2021**

Jimmy Davis

Ava Gardner

### **August 25, 2021**

Aliya Sorenson

### **August 26, 2021**

Winston Petersen

### **August 28, 2021**

Darrin Applegate

### **August 31, 2021**

Jasmine Porter