

NORTH CANYON 5TH WARD SPIRE

Where is Zion?

This last week I was having a discussion with my youngest son about Zion and what that means to us today. Zion was the name given to the ancient city of Enoch in the days before the Flood. We learn from the Pearl of Great Price: "And the Lord called his people ZION, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them. (see Moses 7: 18) Remember, Zion is both a place and a people.

When I think of one heart and one mind, a word that best describes that phase would be unity. "For the unity required for Zion to flourish, we should ask ourselves if we have overcome jarrings, contentions, envyings, and strifes" (see D&C 101:6). Forgiveness of one another is essential to this unity. Jesus said, "I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men" (see D&C 64:10). We will become of one heart and one mind as we individually place the Savior at the center of our lives and follow his teachings.

The work to be done in establishing Zion consists of our individual efforts to become "the pure in heart" (see D&C 97:21). "Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom," said the Lord; "The law of the celestial kingdom is, of course, the gospel law and covenants, which include our constant remembrance of the Savior and our pledge of obedience, sacrifice, consecration, and fidelity." (Elder Todd Christopherson)

Do we strive for complete righteousness? Complete righteousness would suggest that we let go the 'things of the world' and move to a higher place. We must let go of immodesty, immorality, lustful desires found in images and music. We essentially must turn away from all evil. As Elder Neal A. Maxwell put it, "let us once and for all establish our residence in Zion and give up the summer cottage in Babylon."

In the days of Enoch, the City of Zion lasted three hundred and sixty-five years! I find it amazing that a people could be of one heart and one mind pertaining to righteousness. Enoch was truly an exemplary righteous leader. It is said that Enoch and all his people "walked with God, and he dwelt in the midst of Zion; and it came to pass that Zion was not, for God received it up into his own bosom; and from thence went forth the saying, ZION IS FLED." (see Moses 7:69) The city of Enoch or Zion was fled or taken up from this earth to dwell with God.

So where is Zion today? Can Zion still be established on this earth? Zion can be where we stand. Are as we strive for complete righteousness, Zion can be in our very hearts, families, communities as we work together in unity. Zion looks like, service to family and neighbors, it looks like temple attendance, it could look like saying we are sorry when we offend or fall short, quite simply, Zion is exhibiting Christlike qualities.

I explained to my son that Zion can be in our very homes as we love each other more and remove contention (arguing with brothers). He then asked with the purest of heart, "can our home be taken up to be with God?" The answer was most reassuringly, yes! As we strive for unity and righteousness, we to can have our homes be a Zion.

Bishop Michael Wright and the 5th Ward Bishopric

Come Follow Me

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March

Thoughts to Keep in Mind:

The House of Israel

February 28-March 6

Genesis 28-33

March 7-13

Genesis 37-41

March 14-20

Genesis 42-50

March 21-27

Exodus 1-6



Sometimes bad things happen to good people. Life teaches us that lesson clearly, and so does the life of Joseph, the son of Jacob. He was heir to the covenant God had made with his fathers, but he was hated by his brothers and sold into slavery. He refused to compromise his integrity when approached by Potiphar's wife and so was cast into prison. It seemed that the more faithful he was, the more hardship he faced. But all this adversity was not a sign of God's disapproval. In fact, through it all, "the Lord was with him" (Genesis 39:3). Joseph's life was a manifestation of this important truth: God will not forsake us. "Following the Savior will not remove all of your trials," President Dieter F. Uchtdorf taught. "However, it will remove the barriers between you and the help your Heavenly Father wants to give you. God will be with you" ("A Yearning for Home," *Ensign* or *Liahona*, Nov. 2017, 22).

Elder's Quorum



*"When we comprehend His voluntary Atonement,
any sense of sacrifice on our part,
becomes completely overshadowed
by a profound sense of gratitude
for the privilege of serving Him"*

Pres. Russell M. Nelson

We have humbly served our quorum,
and our ward members for almost 4 years
as your Elders Quorum Presidency.

We appreciate your willingness to serve
when needed. Our testimonies of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ continue to grow.

Each of us, are grateful for all of the
Lord's Blessings, in doing "His Work."

Your outgoing Presidency

Mark Andersen

Michael Felley

Rick Tolman

John Rogers

Joe Reed

Relief Society

5 Ways to Strengthen Your Family

I came across a post on Instagram about 5 ways to strengthen your family. While the answers were somewhat predictable but still very important: 1. Have family dinner together. 2. Share ways you grow faith. 3. Pray together. 4. Forgive each other. 5. Learn the teachings of Jesus together.

It was in the comment section of that post where I found more inspiration:

- Put the phones/electronics down and look up at each other.
- Marco Polo chats with family members that are spread out.
- Listen to each other – building love and respect.
- We have learned to apologize for ways we have hurt one another.
- Quick road trips and day hikes – always with food after.
- Giving of our time is most important for our family.
- Group texts with family members who live far away that include inside family jokes, photos and sharing memories.
- Keep a simple schedule so we have more time to spend together.

“If they are parents, He will strengthen them in their righteous efforts to build everlasting ties with their children. If they have not had the opportunity to marry, He will bless them, as they live His teachings in faith, with the abundant blessings that can come to righteous individuals.”
(<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2004/10/strengthening-the-family-what-is-a-family?lang=eng>)

I would like to encourage you to find ways to strengthen your family so that we can all participate in that glorious day with our Father in Heaven.

Lori Cerar

SUNDAY LESSON SCHEDULE:

February 27 Relief Society lesson change—the lesson will be on the October 2021 General Conference talk, “Invite Christ to Author Your Story,” by Sister Johnson.

March 6 @ 10:30 a.m. Multi-Stake Meeting in lieu of all ward meetings—Special lesson on the Tabernacle as it is portrayed in the Old Testament. You may attend at the Stake Center or on Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81232567776?pwd=c3ZpVk0xSzRhEZTenU2bGNSY2oydz09>

March 13: Relief Society/Elders Quorum lesson (to be announced)

March 20: Sunday School

March 27: Relief Society lesson: "One Percent Better," talk given by Elder Dunn at October 2021 General Conference.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 10 Ward Temple Day—This is a day set for members of the ward to do baptisms, endowments and sealings. There will not be a set time for ward members to attend. If you would like to attend, look up the Bountiful Temple web site to sign up for a session.

March 12 @ 10:00 Stake Relief Society Conference to be held at the Stake Center and on Zoom (link forthcoming). Our guest speaker is Bonnie Oscarson, former General Young Women President. Take-home box lunches will be sent home with attendees.

There will be **no Lunch Bunch** meeting in March.

NEED FOR YARN:

Judy Wilson is doing a humanitarian service project supplying knit hats for those in need. She is in need of yarn, so, if you have yarn you would like to donate, please drop it off at her house. Her address is 2788 Edgehill Dr.

Love,

The RS Presidency

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

March 4 Freda Young

March 15 Peggy Brown & Jenna Jensen

March 16 Kaye Bradford

March 17 Kathy Berg & Leslie Butler

March 19 Randi Stats

March 22 Linda Tolman & Pattie Wright

March 23 Linda Kay Waters

March 24 Candace Hadley

March 25 Elaine Erickson

March 26 Kristy Andersen & Adreanne Powell

March 28 Shellie Njord

March 29 Nanette Hansen

March 31 Ashley Phillips



Young Women

Thank you to all the R.S. Sisters who helped us with our crocheting. We had a great time learning and practicing crocheting as well as learning about family history.

We would like to say a great big thank you to our outgoing Young Women class presidencies. Kienna Stats, Sarah Aycock, Chilyn Barton, Breanna Mortensen, Lily Freebairn, Grace Baker, Elizabeth Loftus, and Chessa Phillips. You are all amazing. Thank you for all your hard work!

We would like to welcome the new Young Women class presidencies. In the older class, Sarah Aycock is our new president with Bella Wright as first counselor, Maddy Thiriot as second counselor, and Savannah Hooker as secretary. In our younger class Grace Scoville is our president with McKenzie Barton as first counselor, Elizabeth Loftus as second counselor and Elsa Jensen as secretary. Thank you for accepting these callings. We know you will be amazing.

We also would like to thank Lindsay Pearson and Amy Hunter who were released as YW specialists. You will truly be missed. We welcome Monica Thiriot and Linda Kay Waters as YW specialists and Britnie Larsen as a YW Camp Director. We are excited to have you in YW's. Thank You for your willingness to serve.

Dates to Remember:

March 23rd YM /YW Combined - Etiquette Dinner

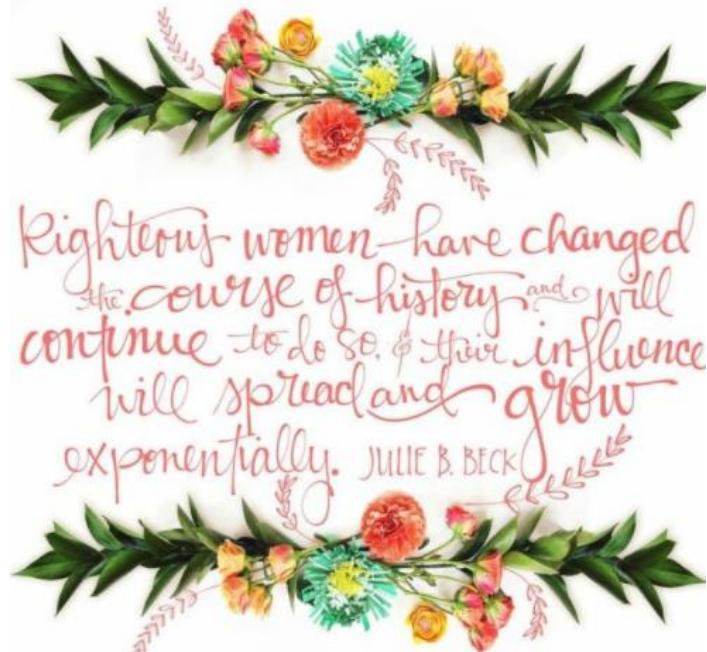
March 27th training for those involved in tabernacle day

April 12th Tour Old Testament Tabernacle at the Bountiful Tabernacle.... more details to come.

April 26th (Tues) 3 PM Youth Baptism, Bountiful Temple -8 slots (Call Sister Draper ASAP if you can come.)

June 17th-18th Ward Youth Conference

June 27th-30th YW Stake Camp at Camp Piuta





2022 YM & YW Neighborhood American Flag Service Schedule

Martin Luther King Day
Monday January 18
(No School)
✓ Done

Presidents Day
Monday February 21
(No School)
✓ Draper
✓ Draper
✓ Hooker
✓ Hooker
✓ Thiriot

Memorial Day
Monday May 30
(No School)
Freebairn, Mark David
Freebairn, Mark David
Freebairn, Steve
Freebairn, Steve
Hunter

Flag Day
Tuesday June 14
(Summer Break)
Erickson
Erickson
Sorenson
Wright
Wright

Independence Day
Monday July 4
(Summer Break)
Jensen
Jensen
Mortensen
Mortensen
Thiriot

Pioneer Day
Monday July 25
(Summer Break)
Brice
Brice
Hansen
Hansen
Hunter

Patriot Day
Saturday September 10
(No School)
(Volunteers Needed)
Loftus
Loftus
Reed
Reed

Veterans Day
Friday November 11
(School Day)
(Volunteers Needed)
Barton
Barton
Stats
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May we all express our appreciation to the neighborhood's **Young Men and the Young Women and their families** for

being so generous with their time and voluntarily offering to install flags (twice a year) that we may all be reminded of and united around the principles of freedom that our country was founded on, and grateful for the sacrifice of blood and treasure that has been shed that we may all fully experience the individual God given rights of life, liberty and property.

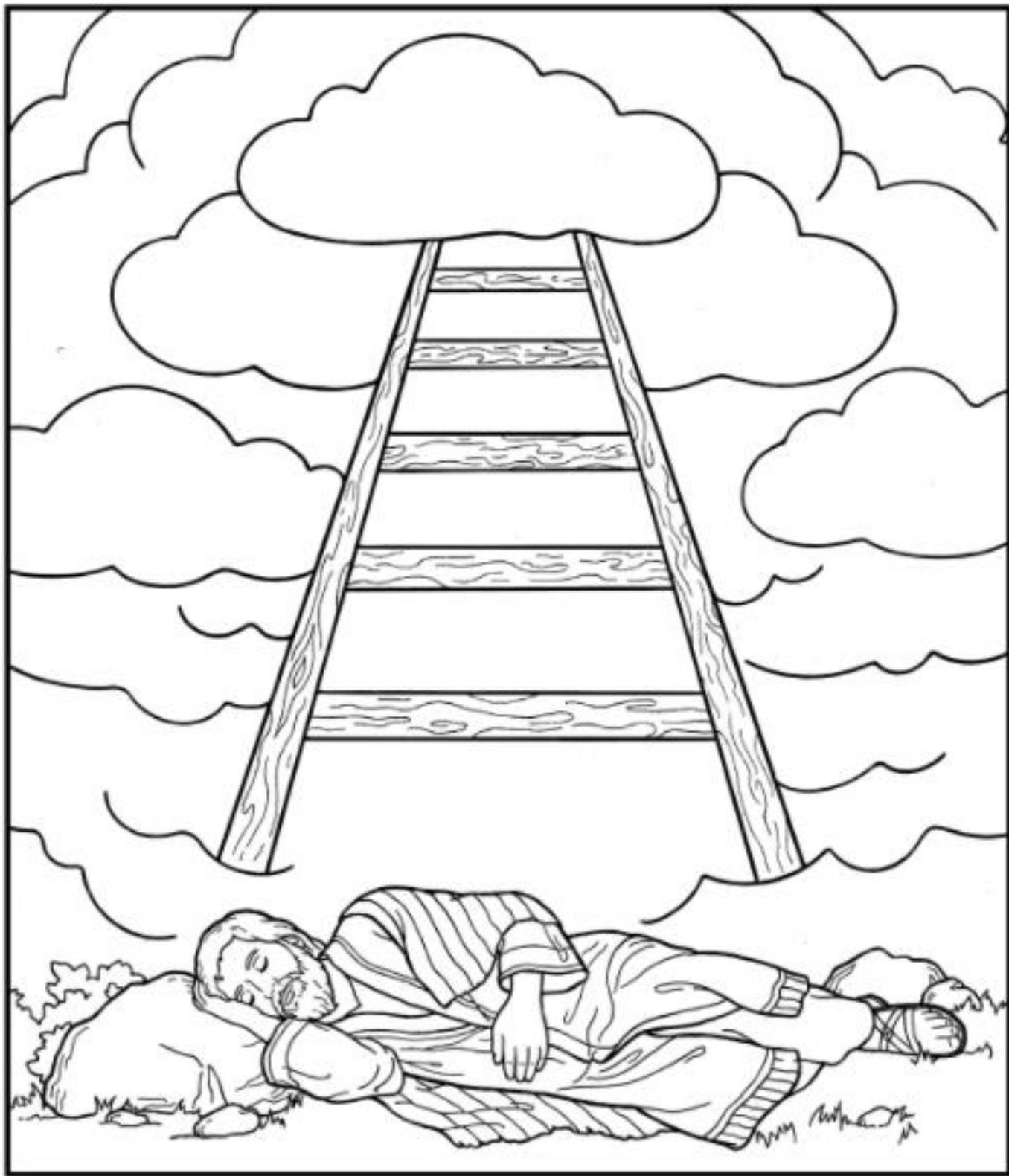
Even during these times of tumult, may we remember that there is not nor has there ever been a more blessed nation on this planet Earth than the one that we have been so fortunate to reside. May God bless each one of us and may "We the People..." have the fortitude to peacefully stand in defense of every individual as protection against those that espouse tyranny and oppression in all its forms, just as our predecessors have.

P.S. As you can see, there are two time slots that remain open (Patriots Day & Veterans Day), if you are willing to serve in this capacity, please sign-up at:

<https://bit.ly/2022FlagService>.

Covenants help me return to Heavenly Father (Genesis 28:10-22).

In the space between the steps on Jacob's ladder, write or draw things you can do to feel closer to God.



Happy Birthday

March 3 Madalyn Thiriot	March 14 Leni Phillips	March 22 Dale Ralph	March 28 Nathan Barton
March 5 Brian Tolman	March 15 Peggy Brown	March 23 Linda Tolman	March 29 Nathan Erickson
Richard Tolman	Jenna Jensen	March 24 Patricia Wright	Shellie Njord
March 9 Steve Brown	March 16 Logan Hooker	March 25 Linda Waters	March 30 Larry Gerber
March 11 Randy Berg	March 17 Kathy Berg	March 26 Brent Bobb	March 31 Nannette Hansen
Keith Radley	Leslie Butler	March 27 Candace Hadley	Dick Everett
March 12 Ryan Sabey	March 19 Randi Stats	March 28 Elaine Erickson	Eric Holmes
March 13 Gabe Stout	March 21 Hyrum Hooker	March 29 Mark Freebairn	March 30 Alex Harris
		March 30 Mike Larsen	March 31 Ashley Phillips
		March 31 Kristy Anderson	
		March 31 Adreanne Powell	

Quite simply,
OUR ONE HOPE
for spiritual safety
during these turbulent
times is to turn our
minds and our hearts to
JESUS CHRIST.

M. Russell Ballard

