

# APRIL 2021 WARD NEWSLETTER

## BISHOPRIC MESSAGE



My favorite time of the year is spring. I love watching the world come to life after the long slumber of winter. Each year as I contemplate the beauty around us, I am reminded of that early morning when the angel declared to Mary “He is not here: for he is risen”. Over 2,000 years after his death, the Savior's resurrection still provides hope to the world.

This week President Nelson has invited us to “Find Peace in Jesus Christ”. In his message, he reminds us that Easter is about peace and hope. He says: “When He suffered for our sins and weaknesses, died on the cross, and rose again, the Savior rewrote humanity’s story. Because of Him, we do not have to deal with our frailties, sins, and fears alone. Because of Him, death is not the end. Resurrection will come to all who have ever lived. Because of Him, families can be together forever. Because of Him, guilt becomes peace, regret becomes relief, and despair becomes hope. We are given second chances, clean slates, and new beginnings. Because of Jesus Christ, we celebrate Easter. And Easter is all about peace and hope.”

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“A proclamation given by angelic messengers near an empty tomb—“He is not here: for he is risen” (Matthew 28:6)—declared that the Lord Jesus Christ had overcome death through His Atonement and Resurrection. He lives. And because He lives, we too can know “peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come” (Doctrine and Covenants 59:23).”

“The Savior Himself has taught that this great sacrifice was for a purpose: “For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent” (Doctrine and Covenants 19:16). Because the Savior offered Himself as the infinite Atonement, you and I have the opportunity—the privilege—to be forgiven when we repent. We can also turn to Him for healing of our hearts, for strength when we are weak, and for help to do things we simply cannot do on our own.”

In this world of trial and struggle, it is important to keep our focus on the Savior. Each week as we partake of the Sacrament, we gain access to the Savior’s atonement and receive the hope that we can overcome the world. With His help, we can overcome all things and receive the peace that only he can provide.

At the end of his message, President Nelson leaves this invitation: “Now, after all that Jesus Christ did for you, I invite you to do something this week to follow His teachings. You might make your prayers more earnest. You could forgive someone or help a friend in need. You can start today on a new spiritual quest.”

Please join me in accepting President Nelson’s invitation to “start today on a new spiritual quest.” As we follow the words of our Prophet and the example of our Savior, we will find renewed spiritual energy and a desire to become more like Him. We will find that we can feel peace and joy in this troubled world.

-Cory Pierce

# APRIL 2021 ELDER'S QUORUM NEWSLETTER



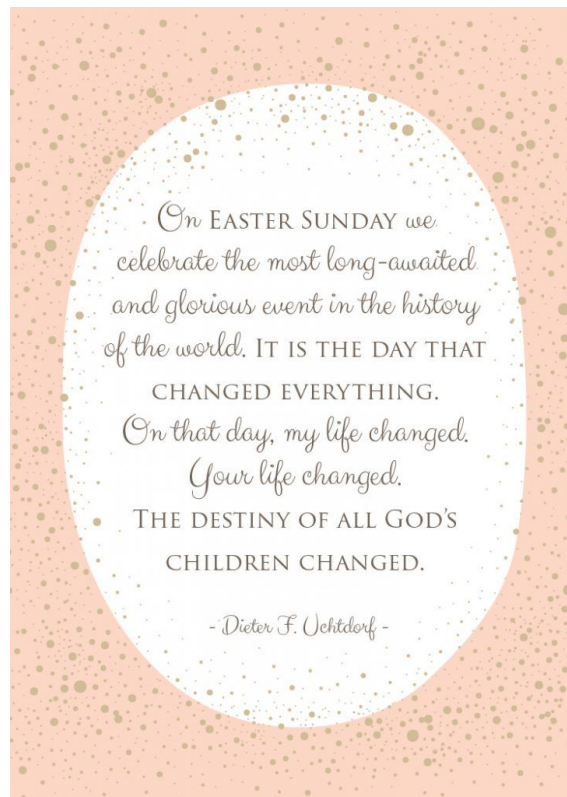
- Elders Quorum golf tournament 4/22 @ 5:30pm at Spanish Oaks Golf Course. Please let either Adam Roberts (801-318-3925) or Ben Duncan (801-879-0621) know if you're interested in playing.
- The annual Ward campout is June 4th and 5th at Spanish Fork River Park.
- We are tentatively planning an Elders Quorum BBQ for sometime in June. We may also combine this with the Relief Society for a date night. We'll keep you informed as plans become more firm.

## NEWSLETTER

### **PRESIDENCY MESSAGE!**

*I love the month of April. I love the way the earth is waking up from winter. The temperature begins to warm up, the grass begins to turn green, the trees begin to grow leaves, and the flowers start to produce beautiful colors as they begin to bloom. My spirit also feels new growth. I feel an opportunity to “wake up”, I feel excited to bloom with new knowledge, I have a renewed desire to have more hope and more love, and I begin to feel so warm inside with the knowledge that my Savior lives and that He made it possible for me to live again. There are so many reminders and symbols all around us at this time of year that help us reflect on our Savior, to ponder and think about His life, His atonement, and His resurrection and what that means for us.*

*Amanda Visser*



## RELIEF SOCIETY LESSONS:

April 11th : Teacher Amanda Visser

Talk- TBA from April 2021 Conference

April 25th : Teacher ???

Talk- TBA from April 2021 Conference

## Relief Society Announcements:

We have a ward web page: <https://spanishfork3rdward.org/>

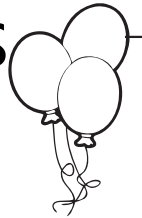
The web page has current announcements, leadership messages, calendar items, and all links to the Sunday classes and Sacrament meeting

The ward campout is June 4th and 5th. Check your email or the gospel living app for more information.

We are asking all sisters to update their email on LDS Tools. It will be easier to send all emails through this. If you need help to do this, please ask one of us, your ministering sister, or a neighbor. We don't want anyone to miss out on important information or the chance to participate with lessons.

We are also asking you to download the Gospel Living App. It is an easier format to send messages on. We will still send out emails through LDS tools. However, all texts will start going through the Gospel Living App starting in March. Please let us know if you need help downloading the app.

## BIRTHDAYS



### APRIL

2 April - Robin Sperry  
3 April - Camille Hernandez  
6 April - Jo Lynne Brunson  
6 April - Lauren Workman  
8 April - Trudy Ballow  
11 April - Victoria Ashworth  
12 April - Wendy Henline  
14 April - Lora Lee Cole  
18 April - Sarah Dinsdale  
20 April - Kelli Hales  
20 April - Kani Lyn Lynch  
20 April - Laurel Smith  
25 April - Jennina Harrison  
26 April - Heather Baum  
30 April - Diane Dunstan



*The Atonement is for you and for me. It is an enabling and a redeeming power. If you are not feeling worthy to stand in holy places, do not carry this burden one day longer.*

*In mortality, we will all make mistakes. Be assured that the Savior loves you so much that He made it possible for you to change and to repent if you make a mistake.*

*- Elaine S. Dalton -*