

Bishopric

Two weeks ago, we had a lesson in young men's in the form of a question. The question was this: *"how can I be more Christ-like in my service to others?"* Serving others in and of itself is Christ-like indeed, but as I prepared to teach this lesson, my mind was drawn to consider what the question was really asking. And I believe the answer lies within two separate books of scripture addressing the same subject.

In the apostle Paul's address to the Corinthians, he tells them, *"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing, (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)."*

Isn't it interesting that all the traits he mentions one might have are all Christ-like characteristics? But he insists that if you don't have charity, it doesn't matter if you have any of the others. Mormon tells us, *"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail—But charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him, (Mormon 7:46-47)."*

Clearly charity, the love of God, the pure love of Christ, is the foundation to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the motivation behind the Father's great plan of happiness for His children. When we ponder on the reality that there is no greater event in the eternal annals of human history than the atoning sacrifice of the Savior, we will realize that no tongues of angels or of men, no prophecy, no moving of mountains would have been enough to see Him through it. Only charity, the perfect eternal love He has for His Father in heaven and His brothers and sisters could have stayed Him through that unfathomable experience, that perfect, infinite, and eternal sacrifice. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...(John 3:16)."*

This means that if we are going to be more Christ-like in our service to others, we must learn to have charity. In fact, if we don't, then our service is no better than *"sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."* Having our perspective adjusted by the lens of charity is not an easy thing. But, when our souls are filled with the love of God we see the world as He sees it. So, how do we get to this point? Mormon tells us to *"pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love, which he hath bestowed upon all who are true followers of his Son, Jesus Christ; that ye may become the sons of God; that when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is; that we may have this hope; that we may be purified even as he is pure, (Moroni 7:48)."*

In our daily walk in mortality, as imperfect children of God, it isn't easy to have this influence with us all the time, but I'm here to tell you that it is worth all the effort it takes to receive it. Some of

you are the most charitable people I know, and I love to associate with you and learn from you. It is my continued prayer that I and all of us can have an increase of charity in our lives, so we can see the world as God sees it, and by so doing receive untold joy that we can share with those around us, This is my prayer in Jesus name, amen.

Brother Arey

Announcements

- We would like to welcome the new Relief Society Presidency: President Tyanna Spackman, 1st counselor - sister Melinda LaMont, 2nd counselor - sister Tiana Nield, and secretary - Lisa Wells.
- Sister Guymon was called as 1st counselor in the primary presidency.
- A huge thanks to all who serve. The process of making changes in callings always make me feel very grateful for all who serve in any capacity. We are a people that put our shoulder to the wheel and for those that do I am deeply grateful. - Bishop Paull
- Brother Tyson Lorrigan was advanced in the Aaronic Priesthood to the office of priest.
- Stake conference is coming up on May 22-23. Meeting links will be sent out closer to the date of the meeting.
 - o Adult session @6pm on Saturday the 22nd
 - o General session @10am on Sunday the 23rd
- Congratulations to Ben Morris on his baptism in April. Ben is the newest member of the ward!
- Congratulations to the Geldmachers and Dattage's. The Geldmachers welcomed a baby boy, Lewis Bridge Geldmacher. The Dattage's welcomed a baby girl, Savannah Kate Dattage.
- Mothers Day is Sunday May 9th. We thank and love our awesome mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, grandmothers, and aunts. Your patience, love, and hard work make the world a much better place!

Relief Society

May 20th @ 7 PM Relief Society Social; more details to come.

Birthdays

May 1- Terry Harp

May 7- Janet Cecil

May 12- Hilary Wahler

May 16- Lisa Wells

May 19- Sarah Walquist

May 22- Stacie Jorgensen
May 22-Tyanna Spackman
May 24- Denise Smith
May 26- Julie Finlinson
May 30- Emily Spackman

Lesson Schedule (Via Zoom)

May 2nd: Gospel Doctrine @ 12:30
May 9th- Christ is Risen; Faith in Him Will Move Mountains- Russel M. Nelson
May 16th- Gospel Doctrine @ 12:30
May 23rd- Stake Conference
May 30- Gospel Doctrine @ 12:30

Young Women

“Suppose Jesus came to your ward, to your branch, or to your home today. What would that be like? He would see right into your heart. Outward appearances would lose their importance. He would know you as you are. He would know your heart’s desires..... He would recognize and honor honesty, humility, integrity, faithfulness, compassion, and charity. One look into His eyes and we would never be the same. We would be forever changed. Transformed by the profound realization that, indeed, God is among us.”
-Uchtdorf April 2021

HAPPY GRADUATION TO OUR SENIORS!!! “May your hats fly as high as your dreams.” -Michael Scott

We are so excited for your next chapter of life! You’re going to do amazing things! We will miss you!! We love you! The world is your oyster and we know you’ll make the most of it. Good luck!

Tabitha McKinnon
Eliza Tonnies
Elise Israelson

Birthdays:

Kaylee Arey 5/20
Elise Israelson 5/25
Avah McGuire 5/29

Activities:

May 4th- Quiz Bowl/Jeopardy Combined YW
May 11th- Youngers: campfire/s’mores. Middles and Olders: Physical Q&A
May 18th- Combined YW/YM. YM in charge. Rockets!

May 25th- Combined YW/YM. Rockets part 2.

Lessons every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 12:30 on Zoom:

May 9th- How can the Holy Ghost bless me every day? Taught by Michelle

May 23rd- Stake Conference. No lesson.

Meetings:

Ward Youth Council 5/16 @10:00 at the church (please notice this is the 3rd Sunday and NOT the second Sunday that we normally do) for class presidents

For all YW class presidencies we have a meeting May 23rd in the Relief Society room at 1:15

Fireside May 23rd at 6:30

Carol, our spiritual specialist, is moving to Missouri. We have loved having her in Young Women's and will miss her so much. She is amazing and we were lucky to have her with us! We love you, Carol! We wish nothing but the best for you on your new adventure!

Young Men

- Ward Youth Council for Quorum Presidents is the 3rd Sunday this month because of Mothers Day. Our next meeting is May 16th at 10am.
- The Young Men meet for activities on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00pm. All are welcome!

YM Sunday Lesson Schedule

May 9th - How Can the Holy Ghost Bless Me Every Day? Bro Spackman Teaching

May 23rd - How do I receive the gift of the Holy Ghost? Bro Adams Teaching
5/9: Preach My Gospel at the stake center @3:00

Deacons/Teachers Activity Schedule:

May 4th - Mothers Day Gifts / Yard decor

May 11th - Wilderness survival

May 18th - combined YM & YW - model rockets part 1 - construction

May 25th - combined YM & YW - model rockets part2 - launch!

June 1st - Hike to the wind caves

June 8th - Soccer

June 15th - combined YM & YW - YW in charge

Priests Activity Schedule:

May 4th - Electronics project - laser tripwire circuit
May 11th - tour the Logan Light & Power power plant and control room
May 18th - combined YM & YW - model rockets part 1 - construction
May 25th - combined YM & YW - model rockets part2 - launch!
June 1st - talk with missionaries and preach my gospel
June 8th - service project from JustServe.org
June 15th - combined YM & YW - YW in charge

Upcoming Campouts:

July 19th-22nd -Stake Young Men's Campout. This is for all young men. More detail to come later.

Primary

Heavenly Father speaks to us through His prophets. And last month, we got to hear from the prophets and apostles at general conference! The words we hear at conference are important for all of us. They tell us how to become more like Jesus Christ.

What was your favorite part of conference? Open your Friend magazine and go to pages 2–7 to remember some of the great messages that were shared during last month's conference!

Announcements:

- Online Primary lessons: [April 11](#), [April 18](#), [April 25](#), [May 2](#), [May 9](#)
- Online Singing Time: [April 25](#)
- **Baptisms**: Aiden Clayburn
- **Birthdays**: Lily Frandsen (May 4), Aaron Rasmussen (May 4), Chloe Adams (May 8), Lily Birch (May 21), Claire Jess (May 21), Marshall Spackman (May 24), Jaxon Walquist (May 24), Katie Ward (May 26)
- **Helping Hands Challenge**: Care for the earth. It was created for us! Treat it (and all of God's creations) with kindness and respect. Say a prayer, make a plan to help, and then work on accomplishing your goal. Need an idea to get started? Here are three ways you can help: 1) Pick up litter around you 2) Walk on a path instead of trampling plants 3) When possible, reuse or recycle items instead of throwing them away.

- **Printable Coloring Page:** [I Can Do Hard Things](#)
- **Friend Magazine:** [Conference is for YOU!](#)
- **Singing Time:** [2021 music list](#)
- [Printable reading chart for 2021](#)
- Doctrine & Covenants Reading Challenge: [These verses](#) go along with the *Come, Follow Me* lessons each week in 2021. The list is great because it's tailored specifically for Primary and it only focuses on a few verses a week.
- [The Children Section](#) of the Gospel Library app
- [Doctrine & Covenants coloring book](#) (printable pages)
- For anyone interested, the Friend magazine is inviting children to participate in learning the [Articles of Faith](#) this year.

Sunday School

D&C 45: 6: "Hearken oh ye people of my church, and ye elders listen together, and hear me voice while it is called today, and harden not your hearts."

Brothers and Sisters, I understand this scripture in the way that the Savior, as our advocate, wants us to soften our hearts and stand in holy places.

This, to me, means that we have every opportunity to do so at work, school, home and everywhere we stand. You can do this simply by praying, reading your daily scriptures with real intent, doing service to others, and striving to listen and act on the promptings of the Spirit-the primary answers. Make sure that we follow his guidance so that he will be with us until the end. I know that in doing so, there will be an influx of positive outlooks on each day, making them easier. The Holy Ghost will lead and guide you in a pleasing way to our Savior when we follow his council as well.