



### *Bishopric Message—Jeff Child*

Christmas is almost here! It's the time to celebrate the humble birth of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace. It also seems to be the busiest and most stressful time of the year. Braving the stores (or the internet) to find the perfect gifts for each of your loved ones, putting together the menu for the best Christmas party, and decorating the home with the latest in Christmas decor trends seem to be what the world thinks of Christmas. Is this what we experience at Christmas?

I often find myself drawn to the story of Mary and Joseph, the birth of the baby in a stable and gently placed in a manger. In my mind's eye I think of that experience as one of peace and quiet, perfectly staged like the nativity on the mantel.



Then I think back to the day of the birth of my first child, Ava. I remember Kari having strong contractions the night before her birth. I don't remember feeling peace that night.

The next day, I remember taking one last trip to the store where Kari would stop every few minutes to brace for another contraction. I don't remember feeling peace in ShopKo.

I remember the doctors performing a cesarean section, the doctors struggling to deliver Ava's head, where the mood of the operating room went from casual chatter to serious silence. I don't remember feeling peace during her delivery.

And finally, I remember them taking Ava to the table where they checked her vital signs, cleaned her, and I heard her cry for the very first time. They brought her and placed her with Kari, and I finally remember feeling peace.

This must have been similar to how Mary and Joseph felt. I doubt they felt peace as they traveled that great distance to Bethlehem, or as they entered the bustling city with all the visitors coming to be counted, or as they struggled to find a clean place to stay for the night. But, as soon as the sweet baby Jesus was born, my guess is that the stress melted away into peace—the peace that comes from witnessing the plan of both salvation and happiness in action. The peace that can only come through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

If you find yourself this Christmas season feeling overwhelmed, worried, or stressed, remember that peace can be found. It doesn't come from the presents, the food, or the decor. It comes, rather, from and through Jesus Christ, through focusing on Him and on His atonement. I have experienced His peace. I believe Alma when he said in Alma 38:8, "And it came to pass that I was three days and three nights in the most bitter pain and anguish of soul; and never, until I did cry out unto the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy, did I receive a remission of my sins. But behold, I did cry unto Him **and I did find peace to my soul.**"

## What's Happening in December

### Starting New Callings

D'Launa Rindlisbacher	Relief Society Teacher
Richard Seiger	Executive Secretary
Brian Fedderson	Teachers' Quorum
	Advisor

## Happy Birthday

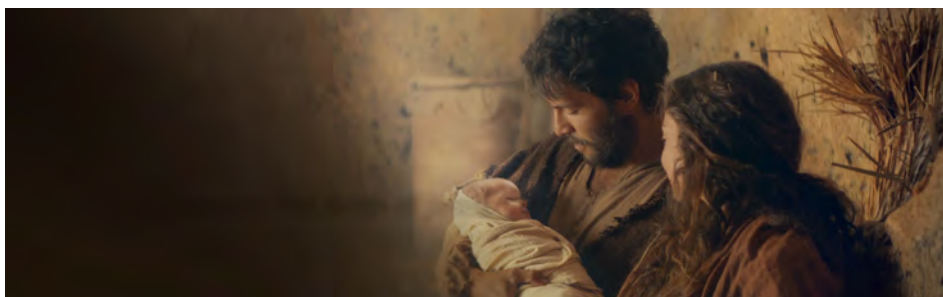
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12	Ashcroft, Macy	28	Larsen, Matt
12	Emmer, Kirk	29	Liacopoulos, Alexis Dawn

### Young Women

The Young Women and their leaders wish everyone the happiest and merriest Christmas season!

We had a great month of November. We worked hard to rake leaves and get the

neighborhood all spruced up. We also did service for random strangers to spread joy and kindness. It was so fun to see people's reactions. We also participated in a stake combined activity, and we played Fugitive.



## Primary

In November, we focused on gratitude and service. The kids were asked to donate any old books or toys. Thanks to all those who participated. In Activity Days, the kids played gratitude games. The girls also had a campfire, and the boys played dodge ball.

We are continuing to work on becoming better disciples of Jesus Christ. In December, we are asking the kids to make cookies for someone they love. Also in December, the children will be performing the Nativity at the ward Christmas party and singing in sacrament meeting on December 17. Please mark your calendar!



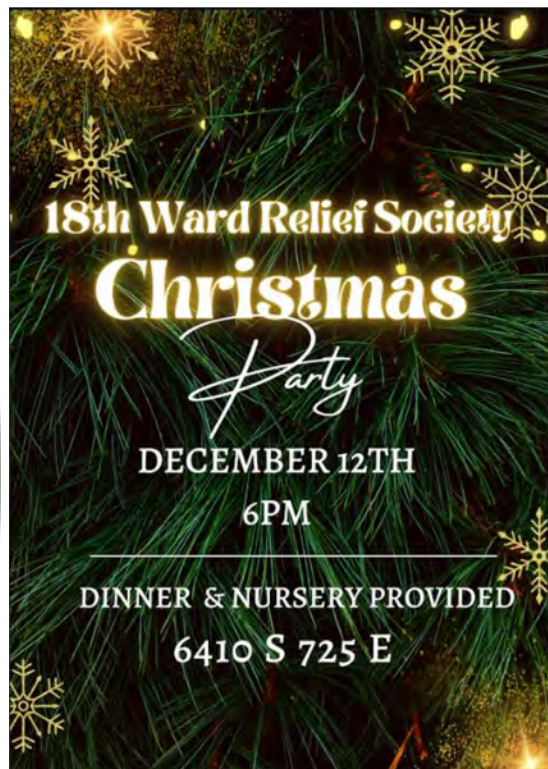


## Relief Society

*In November, Nicole Jensen shared valuable insights for keeping healthy and positive.  
A timely message for all of us, especially at this time of year.*



**Don't miss this!**



### Relief Society Sunday December Discussion

**Dec. 10 Jesus Christ is the Treasure**

Dale G. Renlund (Oct. Sunday Afternoon Session)



## *Spotlight on the Whitney and Cora Young Family*

Whitney Young and her daughter Cora moved into our ward a year ago in November 2022. She and her brother Jared bought their house on Joma Street together. Whitney is the oldest of seven children. She was born in Bountiful and lived in Delta, where she attended high school. From Delta, her parents moved to Ephraim and Whitney moved to Orem where she at-



tended Utah Valley University.

Some time

ago she lived in our stake in the 12th ward.

She is now

working for a software company here in Murray.

Whitney's daughter Cora is in Young Women's and attends AMES high school located on the Cottonwood High School campus here in Murray. Cora loves volleyball and has recently joined a volleyball club in the area. Whitney and Cora love the outdoors. They enjoy camping, paddle boarding, skiing, kayaking and other sports. Whitney likes to have Young Women activities at her home on occasion so she and Cora can get to know the young women in our ward better. She also loves to travel, and has travelled with her parents and siblings to Paris, China and Egypt. Cora also got to go with them to Paris and Egypt.

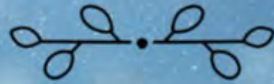


We are so glad to have Whitney and Cora Young in our ward!





# *Light the World*



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 18TH WARD'S NEIGHBORHOOD  
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

*Friday, December 1st*

**6:00 pm ~Santa will be available**

**6:30 pm ~Dinner & Program**

**AT THE STAKE CENTER  
6180 SOUTH GLENOAKS STREET**

**PLEASE BRING A CANNED ITEM TO DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY  
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