



### **Bishopric Message—Jeff Child**

I feel so blessed as we've studied the *Book of Mormon* in *Come Follow Me* this year, especially as we have discussed those precious truths in our various quorums and classes. I have experienced the truth-testifying power of the Holy Ghost as I've read and pondered the accounts of the visions of Lehi and Nephi, and Nephi's psalm in 2 Nephi 4. I'm sure that I've understood many of these scriptures and truths before, but I feel, in a way, as if I'm discovering some of them for the very first time.

One of these truths comes from the mouth of Jacob, Lehi's firstborn in the wilderness. I'm sure that Jacob's life experiences directly influenced his teachings about the great plan of redemption. I don't know Jacob personally, but as I read his words and put them into the context of his life experience, I think I understand him. Not only was he born into tribulation, surviving the physical trials of living in the wilderness, but he had a front-row seat to the spectacle that was his older brothers' interactions. He watched as his oldest brothers continually mocked, persecuted, and tried to murder his righteous brother. My guess is that he used words like "wounded soul" (Jacob 2:8) and "anxiety" (Jacob 2:3) because he must have experienced them deeply throughout his life. Knowing this about Jacob has helped me understand an aspect of the Atonement that I never realized.

In normal scriptural context, I understand the word "infinite" to refer to a measure of time or people, as in never-ending time or countless numbers of people. In 2 Nephi 9:7, Jacob says, "Wherefore, it must needs be an infinite Atonement—save it should be an infinite atonement this corruption could not put on incorruption." While I do believe that Jacob is saying that Christ's Atonement is both never ending and applies to every single one of His countless number of children, I think it goes much deeper, because his personal story is deeper. I believe that because Jacob went through unbelievable trials, he also means that His Atonement is infinitely personal. Every negative aspect of my life—every sin, shortcoming, argument, disappointment, or times of sadness, pridefulness, loss, loneliness, or feelings of jealousy, revenge, hate, physical pain and exhaustion—is swallowed up in His Atonement, infinitely. Jesus Christ is the reason that the plan of salvation works. Without Him and his Atonement, those mistakes, negative feelings, and trials would be mine to suffer and carry for all eternity.



During this Easter season, let us focus on Jesus Christ and His infinite Atonement. As we do so through making and keeping sacred covenants, through worthily and thoughtfully partaking of His sacrament, and keeping His commandments, those fears, sins, pains, and sufferings can be swallowed up in Him, and we can have infinite personal peace now and the promise of joy for eternity.

## What's Happening in March

# Happy Birthday

4 Bolingbroke, Jackson  
4 Zabriskie, Jason  
6 Goudie, Lori  
6 Squires, Linda  
7 Christensen, Staci  
8 Anderson, Alyson  
8 Salaz, Michael  
9 LaBau, David  
10 Hansen, Cortland  
10 Lucero, Nedelka  
10 Ruben, Michelle  
10 Westenskow, Jenelle  
12 Hardman, Adam  
14 Gowdy, Brooke  
14 Kizerian, Cathy  
16 Farr, Michael Dana  
17 Fekete, Shanna

17 Oberbeck, Kevin  
18 Anderton, Holly  
19 Huang, Matt  
21 Astle, Chieko  
21 Ruben, Connie  
22 Christensen, Finn  
22 Michaelson, Arlene  
23 Holman, Spencer  
25 Steed, Evelyn  
27 Gutke, Zachary  
28 Child, Kari  
28 Thomas, David  
29 Steed, Chad  
29 Weeks, David  
30 Horne, Joshua  
31 Frank, Pearson

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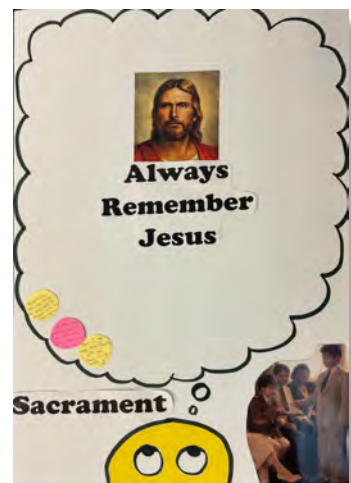
### Primary

In February, we worked on memorizing the second Article of Faith. Many of the children memorized and passed it off. In March, we will be working on the third Article of Faith. To pass off an Article of Faith, the children can come to the primary room after the second hour and recite it for any member of the primary presidency.

As part of Activity Days, the girls spread some love by "heart attacking" a few ward members, and the boys decorated rice crispy hearts and played miniature golf.

We started something new this month to help the children to relate the baptismal covenant to taking the sacrament. We had a lesson about ways we can use the time while taking the sacrament each week to think about things

we can do better. We read a few scenarios where a child didn't make the best choice, and then asked the children to come up with a better choice and what Jesus would do in that scenario. Each week we will be doing the same thing with a new scenario.



## Relief Society

### Save These Dates:

#### Relief Society Devotional Broadcast

Sunday, March 17, 2024, at 7 p.m., at the stake center. President Russell M. Nelson will address the Relief Society with testimony sharing and light refreshments following the broadcast.



Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6 p.m., at the Browstone Building.

Come Celebrate!

### Sunday, March 10

Don't be an hour late for church.



## Young Women

February was full of love for our Young Women.

We started out the month by going to the Temple with the Young Men and doing baptisms for the dead. It was incredible to be there with Lauren, as she participated for the first time.

We had a blast heart attacking some of the members in our ward and neighborhood. We are so grateful for all of the wonderful members of our ward, and this was just a small way to show them that.

We had a split activity where the older girls had a dance night, and the younger girls joined the deacons to learn some cooking skills. The deacons made delicious shrimp Alfredo and asparagus, and the girls made cookies and homemade French bread. We gathered together afterward to eat a yummy meal!

These are the most amazing girls!



## Young Men and Young Women

The Young Men and Young Women combined for a Heart Attack Valentine's Day party, where they made paper Sweethearts.

Hint: URAQT $\pi$  = You Are a Cutie Pie.

The two youth groups also combined to do baptisms for the dead at the Jordan River Temple.

And the Young Men held a chess tournament, where Keaton Ashcroft proved to be the most skillfull player.



## Elders

The elders held their annual Chili Cookoff on February 10 at the Brownstone building.

Special thanks go to Jeff and Diane Collette for making this a great party.

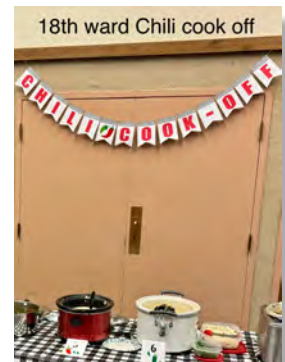


Notice that Jeff is eating from a muffin tin. What a great way to try out all the chilis without their mixing together.



How many beans are in these jars?

The top bean counters are:  
Steve Sagers  
Verl Greenhalgh  
Kipp Simms



The cooks with the best chili recipes are:  
First—Richard Seiger  
Second—Mike Fisher  
Third—Jeanette Bowen

## *Spotlight on Michael Salaz*

Michael Salaz was born in Elko, Nevada, and moved to Salt Lake about two years ago. He has eight brothers and two sisters. His parents and some of his siblings are still living in Elko. When he moved here, he got a job with Xfinity working with customer service. Later, while he was at work, a woman came in with a billing problem and he kindly but firmly let her know that he could not help her with her problem. She was so impressed with his work attitude that she offered him a job on the spot. She was the Salt Lake County Sheriff and Michael now works for the Sheriff's office at the county jail.



Michael has many facets—he likes shooting, motorcycling, drawing, sushi, watching ice hockey, he plays the saxophone, and he's a history buff. He also likes crafting, and makes beautiful, tall drink tumblers. And he has two dogs and a pet snake.



One time when Mike and his friend were riding the hills in a side-by-side, his friend was driving way too fast and hit a cow. Mike and his friend were both hurt very

seriously. Michael broke his back and had to be in a body cast for months. He doesn't ride side-by-sides any more.

Someone who inspires Michael is his grandpa. He says his grandpa inspires him because of his work ethic and that he is a hard worker and a true family man—he puts family first. His grandpa was his father figure growing up and was always his best supporter next to his mom.



We are so glad Michael is part of our ward!



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SOCIETY BIRTHDAY DINNER



“BEE ANXIOUSLY  
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TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH  
6PM  
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