

Little Cottonwood 18th Ward

Murray Utah Little Cottonwood Stake

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Bishopric Message—Bishop Tim Richardson

Covenant in our current day and age is slowly losing its intention, meaning, and emotion.

The current definition for covenant is: A covenant is a promise, agreement, or contract between two parties. As part of the covenant, the two parties agree that certain activities will or will not be carried out.

We operate daily through implied covenants. We enter promises or contracts with everything we do electronically, in purchasing or using. We simply click through the fine print and hit next, next, next to get to the desired object. We don't even realize what promise, contract or covenant we are keeping. When was the last time in a conversation you asked, "Do you promise?" When was the last time you made a covenant which included two parties, and you agreed that if you will do something then I will do something?



The scriptures are obviously full of covenants:

- The Noahic Covenant: Genesis 8:20–9:17 is a covenant made with all of humanity, and it marks a new beginning for the world after the flood. A sacrifice ratifies this covenant (8:20–21), and God promises never again to use a flood to destroy all life.
- Abrahamic Covenant: In Genesis 12:1–3 God would offer protection and land to Abraham and his descendants, but they were to follow the path of God. God then commanded Abraham and his future generations to perform the ritual of circumcision (brit milah) as a symbol of the covenant.
- Baptismal Covenant: When we are baptized, we covenant to take upon ourselves the name of Jesus Christ, to stand as a witness for God, and to keep His commandments (see Mosiah 18:8–10; 2 Nephi 31:13; D&C 18:22–25; 20:37). Heavenly Father promised us a remission of sins and, through the ordinance of confirmation, the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- Law of obedience covenant: The Lord promises both temporal and spiritual blessings to those who obey His commandments (see Mosiah 2:41; Leviticus 26:3–12; Deuteronomy 4:40; and D&C 58:2; 64:34; 130:21). Obedience in this life will give us an advantage in the world to come (see D&C 130:19).
- Law of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. If we are faithful, God's promises include pouring out His Spirit upon us (see Mosiah 18:10), redeeming us from our sins as we repent (see Mosiah 18:9; D&C 20:37), and bringing us forth in the First Resurrection (see Mosiah 18:9).
- Law of chastity: Chastity is sexual purity. Those who are chaste are morally clean in their thoughts, words, and actions. As you keep the law of chastity, you will enjoy happiness, peace, and self-respect. You will enjoy trust and confidence in your family relationships, and

you will be blessed with self-control. You will enjoy the blessings of the gospel of Jesus Christ through the influence of the Holy Ghost.

- Law of Consecration: The law of consecration is that we consecrate our time, our talents, and our money and property to the cause of the Church. The Lord will bless you with His Spirit to be with you.

Take a moment to be deliberate and ponder any covenants you have entered into. Be deliberate in making promises and or covenants with those in your sphere, especially with your children. Teach those around you the true meaning of promises and covenants so we do NOT lose this powerful tool that will help us understand and enjoy our journey.

What's Happening in July

Callings

John Nelson Sunday School Teacher
Shauna Nelson Sunday School Teacher

Lindsay Sloan Sunday School Teacher

Happy Birthday

2 Graham, Melony
3 Didericksen, Trevor
3 Wright, Paul
6 Greenhalgh, Verl
6 Seiger, Ty
7 Packard, Dwight
8 Bullough, Adam
8 LaFortune, Eliza
9 Dahl, Jane
12 Godfrey, Neal
12 Murray, Jennifer
13 Thorkildsen, Michelle
15 Schlegel, Charlene
16 Child, Owen

17 Ashcroft, London
17 Searle, Kristi
18 Horne, Jennifer
19 Hansen, Angie
19 Jeppsen, Barrett
22 Weeks, Connor
25 Bullough, Callie
26 Simmons, Paul
27 Gowdy, Steve
27 Richardson, Tim
28 Bowen, Hannah
28 Collette, Jeff

Primary

In June, the Activity Day boys and girls went to Camp Tracy. The day was spent practicing archery, rock climbing, shooting BB guns, playing games, learning to identify local plant and bug species, playing battleship on row boats, shopping at the trading post and meeting Big Foot! It was a great day. The kids and leaders had a lot of fun.

We worked on memorizing the sixth Article of Faith this month. Many of the kids have passed

off half of the Articles of Faith. For July, we will work on memorizing the seventh Article of Faith. Just a reminder, an Article of Faith can be passed off in the primary room after the second hour.

Mark your calendars for the Pioneer Day parade on July 27. More information to come soon.



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Young Women

Summer is upon us and the Young Women are well into their summer activities. We started out the month by having five of our fantastic seniors graduate from Murray High School. A huge congratulations to Jayne, Josie, Cheyenne, Jenelle, and Kate. We are so proud of each of you!

The first full week of summer break we were excited that Hailey and Aliyah had the chance to go to Oakcrest girls camp. They had a

wonderful time. They loved learning about being a disciple of Christ. The other Young Women had a swimming party in Kristi's pool to cool off on a hot summer night.

Another fun activity was hiking to the temple quarry with the young men. We are so lucky to live in a valley with such a rich heritage!

And we are now heading to girls camp for a most wonderful time.



Young Men

The deacons attended Deacons Camp at Schofield Reservoir, the Young Men played ultimate Frisbee and enjoyed Slurpees, and they joined the Young Women to hike to the Temple Quarry.



Relief Society

In June, Relief Society sisters visited together and enjoyed delicious treats in Arlene Michaelson's lovely back yard. We appreciate Arlene opening her home to allow us to share this wonderful time together.



Lesson Schedule for July through October

Note that the July 14 lesson is changed from the schedule we previously published.

July 14	Faithful to the End—Andrea Munoz Sannaus	Sat p.m.
July 28	Bridging the Two Great Commendments—Gary E. Stevenson	Sun. p.m.
Aug 11	A Higher Joy—Diether F. Uchtdorf	Sat. eve.
Aug 25	The Testimony of Jesus—D. Todd Christofferson	Sun. p.m.
Sep 8	Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys—President Russell M. Nelson	Sun. p.m.
Sep 22	Integrity: A Christlike Attribute—Jack N. Gerard	Sat. a.m.
Oct 13	Put Ye on the Lord Jesus Christ—J. Anette Dennis	Sat. a.m.
Oct 27	Words Matter—Ronald A. Rasband	Sun. a.m.

Spotlight on the Susan Furner Family

Susan Juvan Furner was born in Kemmerer, Wyoming. She has one sister, Charlene Juvan Schlegel. Their family moved to Montana where she attended Bozeman High School. She sang in the school choir and played volleyball. She loved attending early morning seminary and says that is where she gained her testimony of the Book of Mormon.

After high school, Susan attended Ricks College with some of her friends, and later she attended Montana State University and then BYU. She earned her degree in secondary education and taught business courses at Taylorsville High School, Murray High School, and as an adjunct at Salt Lake Community College. She loves teenagers and has spent most of her life serving the Young Women, which she says is just where she loves to be!



Just as she was finishing up her degree at BYU, her former bishop set her up on a couple of blind dates that didn't go anywhere, so she decided to put an end to blind dates. But when he told her he had one more young man he wanted her to meet, and his wife told her she really should try this one more time, she relented. When she opened the door and saw Dan standing there, she said her heart just skipped a beat. Dan had just returned from his LDS mission to Santiago, Chile. After their courtship, they were married in June 1982 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have five wonderful children—Brooke (Daren), Ben (Paislie & Poppi), Caitlin (Rose), Sam (Alex), and Libby (Elijah). Their family has been blessed with the addition of sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, Daren, Paislie, Alex, and Elijah. But the best thing that has EVER happened is when their grandchildren, Poppi and Rose came along!



Dan became a Seminary teacher for the LDS Church Educational System and was known as a wonderful, caring teacher and a great leader. He was also the Bishop in our ward at one time. Then in 2010 he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. As his strength faded, it became difficult for him to get up and down the stairs in their home. The great friends and neighbors in the area rallied to help. They built an addition to the Furner home for Dan to be able to live on the main level and not have to use the stairs. It was a tremendous show of love for this great man and his family. Susan says there isn't a day that goes by that she doesn't look around her home and remember the Christlike service that made it possible for their family to remain in their home and in this ward. In November 2021 Dan passed away.



Susan has always been a strength to her family and a shining example for others as well. She said she is a real journal writer and has kept many journals over the years. It has always been a way for her to sort out her thoughts and reflect on how good God has been to her throughout every phase of her life.

Family traditions are important and one of the Furner & Schlegel family fun traditions has been to have a 'garage sale gift exchange' as the last event on Christmas day. Sometimes the gifts are treasures and sometimes they are gags, but it's been a fun tradition.

When Dan was no longer able to work outside the home, Susan got a job working for the Utah Farm Bureau. She has worked there for 14 years and loves her work advocating for farmers and ranchers. She travels on occasion for her work, and loves it when her sister, Charlene Schlegel, goes with her. They enjoy the sister time they get together.

We are so grateful to have this wonderful lady in our ward and neighborhood!

