

# Little Cottonwood 18th Ward

Murray Utah Little Cottonwood Stake

June 2024

## *Bishopric Message—Jeff Child*

I'm grateful for the story of Alma [the elder] in The Book of Mormon, his conversion story, and his people's path back to Zarahemla. King Noah had led the people into wickedness, with Alma being one of them. As Alma listened to the prophet Abinadi, he felt the Spirit testify of the truthfulness of his teachings and made the difficult decision to go against his peers and king. For that, he was not only removed as a member in the king's court, but also banished with his life sought to be taken. But, he was converted to Christ. He taught the people who would listen in secret, and ultimately left his home to worship God and live according to his newfound beliefs.



One would expect that Alma and his people's lives would be blessed for making the difficult decision to leave wickedness behind and embrace righteousness. However, they would be chased further, and after establishing a new community, be placed into bondage with impossible burdens placed upon their shoulders. Why? How is that fair? Shouldn't they be blessed for following Christ? As I ask myself those questions, I realize that those are common questions that I have asked when I feel like I am keeping the commandments and doing what's right, but find that heavy burdens are still placed upon my shoulders.

What we learn from the rest of the story is that as the burdens are placed on our shoulders, a particular miracle happens. As the people of Alma cried out to the Lord in their time of desperate need, the Lord said to them in Mosiah 24:14, "And I will ease the burdens which are put upon your shoulders, that even you cannot feel them upon your backs, even while you are in bondage; and this will I do that ye may stand as witnesses for me hereafter, and that ye may know of a surety that I, the Lord God, do visit my people in their afflictions."

This one verse answers those questions about fairness. Burdens will come into our lives so that when we turn to Him, we may stand as witnesses that He visits us in our afflictions. I testify that this is true. I have felt those burdens lightened in my life through the atonement and grace of Jesus Christ. We all have access to that power, regardless of the burdens placed upon our shoulders. The burdens may not be removed, but they will be lightened, and for that I will be eternally grateful.



## What's Happening in June

### Callings

Kipp Simms	Emergency Response Coordinator	Paul Jepps	Ward Temple & Temple History Leader
Emily Manwaring	Primary Teacher	Kirsti Jepps	Young Women Class Specialist

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## Happy Birthday

1	Elliott, Case	19	Johnson, Jane
2	Mascherino, Mike	20	Christensen, Ashlyn
3	Brown, Ben	20	Derbidge, Marlene
4	Warren, Micah	20	Libertini, Taycia
6	Andrade, Kimberly	20	Merrill, Karlie
7	Simms, Kipp	21	Mendenhall, Megan
8	McMillan, Brooklyn	21	Presley, Nick
10	Jepps, Annika	21	Sellers, Spencer
12	Anderson, Diezel	22	Shepard, Jace
13	Hackley, Desiree	23	Knight, Sam
14	Knudson, Steve	23	Knudson, Adele
14	Pond, Bryan	24	Nelson, Rob
14	Pond, Hank	26	Hart, Aliyah
16	Mangum, Thomas	26	Mascherino, Connie
16	Richardson, Heidi	26	Steed, Tara
17	Ashcroft, Tyler	27	Abeyta, Dianne
18	Neiswender, Steve	28	Gaydon, Donna
18	Rindlisbacher, Taylor	29	Ashcroft, Jacque

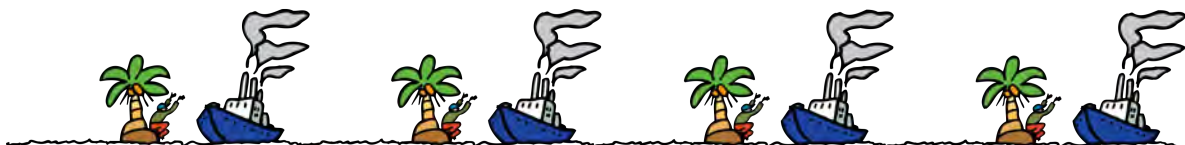
## Primary

Primary got a new teacher! Emily Manwaring will be teaching the eight- and nine-year-old class. We are excited to have her!

We worked on memorizing the fifth article of faith and many of the children passed it off! In June, we will work on memorizing the sixth article of faith. Just a reminder, the children can pass off an article of faith in the primary room after the second hour.



June is finally here! For children in Activity Days, Camp Tracy is just a few weeks away! Rides will be provided to and from Camp Tracy. Meet at the church on June 20 at 2:20 p.m. Bring a sack dinner, a water bottle, and a light jacket. All children should wear closed-toe shoes. Please reach out to the Activity Day leaders or a member of the primary presidency if you have any questions.



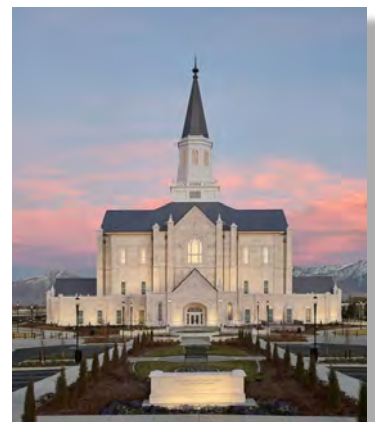


## Young Women

May, in its true form, was a busy month for our young women. All of the girls are finishing up an incredible school year with dance concerts, award banquets, AP tests, school, elections, and final papers to write. Some are getting ready to graduate from high school and some are getting ready to graduate from elementary school. We love them all so much!

We had lots of fun activities this month. We got to start the month out by touring the new Taylorsville Utah Temple. What a beautiful Temple that we get to call home. It was so fun to combine with the Relief Society and having a Bunco game night. We also went door-to-door, letting our neighbors know about our flag fundraiser. Seminary graduation brought us all together to celebrate the gift of Seminary.

June will be exciting and fun to begin the summer and enjoy the warm weather. We get to attend graduations, the Temple dedication, Oakcrest, and Girls Camp.



## Relief Society

In May, the Young Women and Relief Society sisters had a fun night of Bunco. Thank you, Young Women, for playing with us!



The Relief Society mini-activity for June will be a Garden Gathering in Arlene Michaelson's back yard. Please mark your calendars and save the date: 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11 at 6416 Golden Chain. You are welcome to bring a treat or snack to share. Please bring a chair if you have one.

### Help Make Our Military More Comfortable

Do you have material appropriate for making pillowcases? Or would you like to procure some material for a good cause? We are looking for material donations to be used to make pillowcases for military men and women. Please contact a member of the Relief Society presidency if you'd like to make a material donation.



### Lesson Schedule for June through October

Jun 9	The Powerful, Virtuous Cycle of the Doctrine of Christ—Dale G. Renland	Sun. a.m.
Jun 23	Pillars and Rays--Alexander Dushku	Sat. a.m.
July 14	God's Intent Is to Bring You Home—Patrick Kearon	Sun. a.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 Charlene Schlegel Family*

Charlene Juvan Schlegel was born in Kemmerer, Wyoming, and grew up and went to high school in Bozeman, Montana. While living there she had a job as a waitress at the original JB's Big Boy.

After high school, Charlene attended Montana State University. She had been dating Richard Schlegel since high school, and while she was attending the University, they got married in the Idaho Falls Temple. After their marriage, they moved to Oklahoma for a short time, but then moved back to Montana and bought a home in Belgrade (outside of Bozeman).



They were living in Montana when they adopted their two children, Chelsey and Berlin Schlegel. Charlene served as Relief Society president while in their ward in Montana. After a time, their marriage ended and

Charlene and her children moved to Utah in about 2004. After moving here, she got a job with a family as a nanny, which she had for many years. She really enjoys being with children and children really seem to like her, too. Her favorite church calling is in the nursery!



Charlene and her children lived with Charlene's mother, Betty Juvan, and helped care for her until her passing in June 2020. Charlene says that each year Berlin and Chelsey celebrated "Gotcha Day"—the day they joined the family. Berlin now has two



Master's Degrees in music and Chelsey is an amazing pianist and also teaches piano. Charlene said that she is also quite musical—she plays the radio.

Little-known facts about Charlene:

- 1) Her favorite snacks are chips and Diet Coke.
- 2) Her favorite color is red.
- 3) Her favorite title is "Grandma" to her nine-month-old grandson Rowan. She loves to buy story books for Rowan and his mother has read over 100 books to him.
- 4) She loves her dog, Gunner, who is a great companion and protector to her.
- 5) She loves crime shows—but has never been in jail!

Now that her children are no longer living at home, Charlene enjoys traveling with her sister, Susan Furner, on work trips—a wonderful opportunity for both of them!

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We are glad this wonderful lady is part of our ward family!