



Bishopric Message—Jeff Child

From the time I was a little boy jumping into our baby blue Buick station wagon with my five siblings, to now, as my grown children pile into our Suburban, and before (or shortly after) we pull out of the driveway to hit the road on a family vacation, we would take a minute to say a family prayer. We would always pray for safety as we traveled and most importantly, that we would have fun. And, it wasn't just our family. Every time my Scouting buddies and I would go on a road trip to Scout camp, our leaders would have us say a prayer before traveling. Our good Bishop Richardson has been consistent in reminding the youth that there is a real purpose for these prayers.



On one of these trips as a young Scout, we were driving north to attend Scout camp near the Snake River in eastern Idaho. That morning, we had said what was considered the “cookie cutter” prayer, where we asked Heavenly Father to keep us safe. It rained throughout the drive, and after passing through Idaho Falls, there was construction on the highway. Our leader’s Suburban was weighed down with teepee poles lashed to the roof, two leaders, and seven boys (without seatbelts), while towing a heavy trailer laden with gear. Suddenly, traffic came to a halt and our driver slammed on his brakes. The brakes locked and we started sliding directly toward the stopped traffic ahead of us. He swerved off the shoulder of the road towards the construction cars, where we then launched off the road, catching what I thought at the time must have been 50 feet of air, and landing so hard that the windshield flew forward out of the vehicle, along with 7 scouts being flung on top of each other. As soon as the truck stopped, it rolled onto its side. The Suburban was totaled. The construction worker’s car that broke the Suburban’s fall was totaled. Here is the crazy part: Not a single person was injured with even a scratch. A miracle was the only way to describe it.

In the *Guide to the Scriptures* under the topic of prayer, it says, “The object of prayer is not to change the will of God, but to secure for ourselves and for others blessings that God is already willing to grant, but that we must ask for in order to obtain.” I cringe to think what would have happened if we hadn’t said that prayer before leaving for Scout camp. I have a testimony that prayer works, that God hears those prayers, and that He will answer them. Putting forth just a little bit of thought and effort, and taking that small amount of time to speak with Him, to acknowledge and honor Him, and to ask for blessings, matters. It is the way for us to receive all the good He has in store for us.

What's Happening in September

Callings

Joe Hillock	Activities committee	Paul and Jodi Holman	Primary teachers
Jeff and Linda Squires	Ward missionaries	Kyle Adams	Ward mission leader

Happy Birthday

1	Ross, Sherm	17	Manwaring, Joel
2	Margetts, Blaine	18	Huang, Verene
4	Schreck, Harrison	18	King, Clara
5	Brown, Kylie	18	Simpkins, Candice
5	Mangum, Young-Ann	20	Holman, Jodi
5	Sloan, Olivia	22	Ralph, Jayne
7	Burke, Gary	24	Adams, Kyle
7	McMillan, Ellie Lou	25	Beagley, Harmony
9	Richardson, Josie	27	Horne, Lynda
10	Warren, Piper	28	Gowdy, Bo
11	Raines, Dakota	29	Hazelwood, Paige
15	Furner, Rose Lee	29	Mendenhall, Shaunie
17	Bailey, Barbara	30	Nelson, Lindsey
17	Davenport, Leslie		

Relief Society and Elders Lesson Schedule, September–October

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.

Primary

In August, the Primary learned the song "Peace in Christ." It is such a beautiful song and we can't wait to sing it for everyone during the Primary program.

To celebrate going back to school, there was a back-to-school ice cream linger longer for everyone in the ward. It was fun to hear how the first week of school went. The week before school started, the Activity Day boys and girls had a fun time swimming.

We worked on memorizing the eighth and ninth Articles of Faith. In September, we will work on memorizing the tenth Article of Faith, which can be passed off in the Primary room after the second hour.

We are excited to have Paul and Jodi Holman as Primary teachers. We are so lucky to have them in Primary.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming activities:

- ➡ **Activity Day Pinewood Derby**
Wednesday, September 11, 5:30 p.m.
- ➡ **Friend to Friend broadcast with crafts**
Saturday, September 14,
4 to 5 p.m.
- ➡ **Primary Sacrament meeting program**
Sunday October 27.
We will have practices for two Sundays prior to the program.



Young Women

As we ended the busy summer, the Young Women celebrated with the stake at the Bear Bottom waterslide in Wellsville. If you haven't been there, it's a fun hillbilly water slide on the side of a mountain. So fun to be with other girls from the stake.

We also did a High Fit Class with Crystal McMillan. She had our heartbeats going strong. It was such a fun class, and then we went next door and got a treat.

We also played games and taught the girls

how to make caramel popcorn, which was delicious. The Young Women did a great job. It's always fun to just be together.

The girls are all back in school now. We hope they have a great year. We will miss Cheyenne, Kate, Josie, Jenelle, and Jayne, who are moving on to college. We send them love and wish them good luck.

We have also had some wonderful Sunday lessons taught by Annie Jeppsen and Kirsti Jeppsen.



More Young Women






Fall In With **FRIENDS**

18TH WARD RELIEF SOCIETY FALL POTLUCK

SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 6PM

POTLUCK- PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE
NURSERY PROVIDED
BROWNSTONE PAVILION



Spotlight on the David and Jane Johnson Family

David Johnson grew up in Salt Lake City and attended East High School. He was one of eight children. His father was a photojournalist for the Deseret News. After high school, David went on a mission to Australia and loved the people there. He has returned to visit Australia several times since his mission. When he returned home from his mission he started a job at Steelco, which is a steel manufacturing company, and worked there for forty-five years before retiring in 2018. Shortly after he began his job at Steelco in 1976, he met someone and they were married in 1976 and had two children. That marriage ended in divorce. In 1983 David married Susan and they had two children—Jenny and Aimee Johnson. Susan died in 1995 and David was a single dad for several years. In 1997 he attended an adult Institute class where he was first introduced to his present wife, Jane.



Jane Stephenson was born in Indiana and later her family moved to Salt Lake City where they lived in the Avenues for a time. She has three siblings. Her father was employed with the University of Utah and his job required him to travel to various countries. While Jane was a young girl, her family lived in Bandung, Indonesia, and traveled around the world. In Indonesia, she attended an international school. Her mother let her take piano and violin lessons for a while to decide which she liked best. She decided to continue with the violin. When the family returned to Utah, she attended Bryant Junior High School and East High School and continued taking violin lessons. By the time she was 15 years old, she was teaching violin to several students with support from her own violin teacher. She continued teaching violin for forty years. Jane graduated from high school and then attended the University of Utah where she studied Child Development and French. She also attended the Royal Conservatory of Brussels, Belgium. While she was attending the U, she continued teaching violin lessons but changed to teach the Suzuki method and continued teaching for many years. She also got married while going to the U. She and her husband had four children. Their marriage ended in 1992. Jane taught elementary

school in Murray District for 24 years.

In 1998, David and Jane both met again at a friend's social gathering, and they really hit it off. After dating for some time, they gathered all their children together and David officially proposed marriage to Jane in front of their children. They were married in the Bountiful Temple in August 1998 and lived for a time up by the University of Utah until they moved into our ward in 2001.

David and Jane are both retired now and love to travel when they can. They served a mission as Inner City Missionaries in Kearns in 2010–2011 and have recently returned from visiting Ireland and Scotland. They love to get together with their children for dinners and are enjoying retirement and the blessing of their children and 31 grandchildren.

We are very grateful to have this wonderful couple in our ward and in our neighborhood!



18th Ward Relief Society

FamilySearch Library TOUR

**Saturday, October 19
10:00 a.m. carpool
at the Brownstone church building**

**Expansive tour of the many free resources
available to preserve your memories and learn
about your family history.**

Tour starts at 11:00 at the FamilySearch Library
35 North W Temple St, Salt Lake City

Parking Info: park for free (1) behind the Church History Museum or
(2) in the underground parking garage beneath the Conference
Center and get a free validation at the library

Optional: After the activity is over, some will be getting
together for a pay-for-your-own lunch somewhere near the
library. Everyone is welcome to join :)