

# Little Cottonwood 18th Ward

Murray Utah Little Cottonwood Stake

August

## *Bishopric Message—Brad Schreck*

It's always interesting to me how the Gospel of Jesus Christ influences my life in unexpected ways. As an admitted casual reader of books, I'm more inclined to read articles, essays, talks, and news stories over novels. I like getting to the subject matter straightaway and like reading a variety of things quickly and at the same time. Ironically, a few weeks ago, a talk was listed as a reference in one of the upcoming Come Follow Me lessons. So, because I gravitate toward reading articles more than books, I read the talk and was amazed at how it spoke to me directly and addressed the doubts and fears we face as we try to follow the Savior and live His teachings.



If you haven't read Elder J. Devn Cornish's talk titled "Am I Good Enough? Will I Make It?" from the October 2016 General Conference, I highly recommend it! Elder Cornish speaks plainly and frankly to members of the Church of Jesus Christ regarding our efforts to live with the Savior and our Heavenly Father again. He states, "...our members often ask, 'Am I good enough as a person?' or 'Will I really make it to the celestial kingdom?' Of course, there is no such thing as 'being good enough.' None of us could ever 'earn' or 'deserve' our salvation, but it is normal to wonder if we are acceptable before the Lord, which is how I understand these questions."

"Sometimes when we attend church, we become discouraged even by sincere invitations to improve ourselves. We think silently, 'I can't do all these things' or 'I will never be as good as all these people.'"

If you're like me, you've likely asked yourself these exact questions before and worried about the answers. I think we all wonder at one time or another if we're worthy to return to the Lord's presence. Elder Cornish lovingly and positively reassures us when he says, "Please, my beloved brothers and sisters, we must stop comparing ourselves to others. We torture ourselves needlessly by competing and comparing. We falsely judge our self-worth by the things we do or don't have and by the opinions of others. If we must compare, let us compare how we were in the past to how we are today—and even to how we want to be in the future. The only opinion of us that matters is what our Heavenly Father thinks of us. Please sincerely ask Him what He thinks of you. He will love and correct but never discourage us; that is Satan's trick."

"Let me be direct and clear. The answers to the questions 'Am I good enough?' and 'Will I make it?' are 'Yes! You are going to be good enough' and 'Yes, you are going to make it as long as you keep repenting and do not rationalize or rebel.' The God of heaven is not a heartless referee looking for any excuse to throw us out of the game. He is our perfectly loving Father, who yearns more than anything else to have all of His children come back home and live with Him as families forever. He truly gave His Only Begotten Son that we might not perish but have everlasting life! Please believe, and please take hope and comfort from, this eternal truth. Our Heavenly Father intends for us to make it! That is His work and His glory."

I found such comfort and encouragement in Elder Cornish's reassuring statements. He makes it very

clear that we will all make it if we continue to put forth our best effort and continually, sincerely repent. This idea that the bar is much lower and achievable than we think brought me peace and happiness. It reminded me that our Heavenly Father is not looking to keep His children away; but on the contrary, is looking for ways to bring them home. This was further reinforced to me when I read in the July 7–13 Come Follow Me Lesson titled “Great Shall Be Their Reward and Eternal Shall Be Their Glory—D&C 76”, when it states, “The vision revealed that heaven is grander and broader and more inclusive than most people had previously supposed. God is more merciful and just than we can comprehend.” The word “inclusive” really stood out to me. Maybe

because it is used so often in our present-day society. When I read that statement, the Spirit touched me and confirmed that this is true—that God and our Savior Jesus Christ are the perfect examples of mercy, love, inclusion, and forgiveness, and we often times underestimate how inclusive they are of ALL people.

I know God and His Son Jesus Christ love us more than we can comprehend and understand. The gospel of Jesus Christ is truly the “good news” for our life here on earth; that God loves us and wants to see us again. I hope each of us is able to remember this principle and recall His love when we are in the difficult moments of our lives. We’re doing better than we think!

## What’s Happening in August

# *Happy Birthday*

2	Neiswender, Linda	18	Abeyta, Claire
3	Benson, Janeil	19	Horne, Jeff
6	Frank, Cheyenne	21	Hansen, Davis
6	Jensen, Brent	21	Simper, Dale
7	Duffin, Susanne	22	Seiger, Richard
8	Mackay, Vera	22	Snarr, Keith
8	Rindlisbacher, D'Launa	23	Jeppsen, Kirsti
9	Horne, Joey	23	McMillan, Chase
11	Andrade, Allan	23	Richards, Annette
11	Sloan, Andrew	27	Hegsted, Katelyn
11	Sloan, Benjamin	28	Jeppsen, Griffin
12	Mendenhall, Kage	28	Seiger, Mandy
13	Jensen, Nicole	29	Manwaring, Ramona
14	Presley, James	30	Bleazard, Sherry
15	Sagers, Steven	30	Bowen, Jon
16	Abeyta, Alex	30	Schreck, Everett
17	Brown, Jake	31	Jeppsen, Paul

## Callings

Joey Morgan	Primary teacher
Ava Morgan	Primary teacher



## Primary

Our annual neighborhood bike parade and breakfast was a huge hit! We had a blast watching your little ones show off their decorated bikes in the parade.

The stake Primary has an event on August 23 from 10–11:30 a.m. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

Our next ward Primary event will be a linger longer, and we'll be hanging out at the pavilion after church on August 24. Hope to see you there!



## Relief Society

Save the Date

Sep 9 Potluck

### Lesson Schedule for August

10 *Personal Preparation to Meet the Savior*

24 *Harden Not Your Heart*

Elder Dale G. Renlund

Elder Christopher H. Kim

Sat afternoon

Sun afternoon

## Meetinghouse Cleaning Assignments



8/2	Jeff and Kari Child	Brad and Julie Schreck	Matt and Janae Huang	
8/9	Charlene Schlegel	Davis and Angie Hansen	Jon and Jeanette Bowan	Joe and Christy Hillock
8/16	Adam and Crystal McMillan	Staci Christensen	Richard and Lois Holt	Damon and Alyson Anderson
8/23	Mike and Colleen Fisher	Jeff and Linda Squires	Adam and Sarah Bullough	Jeff and Lu Ann Abeyta
8/30	Kyle Adams and Sadie Eggleston	Dwight and Diane Packard	Zachary and Holly Gutke	Peter Brown

This year we have the great responsibility of cleaning the Brownstone meetinghouse. Please see the list above for when you or your family are assigned to clean the building.

Meet at the north end of the building by the drinking fountain on your assigned Saturday at 8 a.m.

If you cannot participate during your assigned time, please find a replacement.

Click [here](#) to see your assignments for the entire year. This is also a great resource for finding someone to trade with if you need a replacement for your week.

Thank you for your service.

## Meetinghouse Lockup Assignments

8/3-9	Sam Knight and Adam LaFortune
8/10-16	Steve Knudson and Mike Mascherino
8/17-23	Joel Manwaring and Brad Schreck
8/24-30	Peter Brown and Paul Jepsen
8/31-9/6	Steve Neiswender and Tyler Searle



We have the assignment to lock up the building each night.

1. Please lock up between 9:30 and 10 p.m.
2. Close all inside doors and lock outside doors, including the kitchen door.
3. Check all windows.
4. Turn off All lights out except for east and west foyer lights. Ignore exterior lights, which are on a timer.
5. Secure both parking lot chains—except Monday night, when you need to leave the north chain down so the dumpster company can come in on Tuesday.



The poster has a light pink background. In the top left corner, there is a large, smiling yellow sun with rays. In the top right corner, there is a string of colorful triangular bunting flags in shades of blue, pink, and yellow. In the bottom left corner, there are two yellow starfish. In the bottom right corner, there is a large pink popsicle with two red stripes, set against a blue wave-like background. The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts to create a festive and inviting atmosphere.

# STAKE PRIMARY Summer Splash

**August 23, 2025 @ 10:00-11:30 am**

**Brownstone Chapel Pavilion  
For all primary children- bring a friend!**

**COME JOIN THE JOY!**

**TRUE JOY COMES FROM JESUS CHRIST AND IT GROWS  
WHEN WE SHARE, LOVE, AND LAUGH TOGETHER!**

**Splash Relays  
Beach Ball Games  
Sidewalk Chalk & Bubble Fun  
Free Popsicles**

**SPREAD THE JOY! BRING ANY GENTLY  
USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO DONATE  
TO MURRAY LIBRARY**

*please join us to the 18th Ward*

# Fall Pot Luck

Casual dress. Watch for sign up sheets to come around!

Bring your favorite foods and join us in celebrating the season of gratitude and generosity!

**September 9th  
Tuesday at 6 PM  
At the Ward Pavilion**

