

Little Cottonwood 18th Ward

Murray Utah Little Cottonwood Stake

September

Bishopric Message—Jeff Child

From the moment my daughter Sophie was born she was determined to be an achiever. It's part of her DNA. She has this drive to excel at everything she tries. As a young child, and as she started creating her own crayon artwork, she noticed her older sister's crayon masterpieces. At five years old, and with two additional years of experience, Ava demonstrated superb control of the crayon by drawing straight lines and round circles, and her eye for a more realistic perspective was far superior to Sophie's own. Sophie tried her best to color as well as her sister, but she just couldn't do it. One day, she had had enough. She raged in frustration at her "lesser" works of art and was sure that she would never be master of the crayon.



In that moment, Sophie was frustrated at her inability to color as well as her sister but was overlooking an important truth about our eternal existence: Our purpose is to progress. At three years of age, Sophie couldn't see that if she kept practicing, in two more years she would be able to create crayon masterpieces of her own, just like her older sister Ava.

It is the same with our eternal progression. Through the prophet Joseph Smith, God has revealed to us our true potential. Doctrine & Covenants 93:13-14 says concerning Jesus Christ, "And he received not of the fulness at first, but continued from grace to grace, until he received a fulness; And thus he was called the Son of God, because he received not of the fulness at the first." Jesus Christ progressed "grace to grace," meaning that even He, God, entered mortality to grow and progress to receive "the fulness." Even more incredible is that in Verse 20 we discover that we are not unlike God himself: "For if you keep my commandments you shall receive of his fulness, and be glorified in me as I am in the Father; therefore, I say unto you, you shall receive grace for grace."

We were never meant to be perfect now. When you find yourself in the three-year-old Sophie position of frustration because of your perceived failings and mistakes, remember that, eternally speaking, you are still a toddler. Our purpose is to learn, grow, and gain experience so that we can continue to progress on our eternal journey. Receiving "grace for grace" through the atonement of Christ is the enabling power to progress. Through striving to keep His commandments and repenting when we fall short, we are promised to "receive of his fulness." As a toddler myself, I'm grateful for these promises and I testify that through (and only through) Jesus Christ, can we be glorified in Him.

What's Happening in September

Happy Birthday

1	Ross, Sherm	17	Bailey, Barbara
2	Margetts, Blaine	17	Davenport, Leslie
4	Schreck, Harrison	17	Manwaring, Joel
5	Brown, Kylie	18	Huang, Verene
5	Mangum, Young-Ann	18	Simpkins, Candice
5	Sloan, Olivia	20	Holman, Jodi
7	Burke, Gary	21	Collett, Paige
7	McMillan, Ellie	22	Ralph, Jayne
9	Richardson, Josie	24	Adams, Kyle
10	Warren, Piper	25	Beagley, Harmony
10	White, Dontae	27	Horne, Lynda
11	Raines, Dakota	28	Gowdy, Bo
11	Visser, Katie	29	Mendenhall, Shaunie
15	Furner, Rose Lee	30	Nelson, Lindsey
17	Ashcraft, Byron		

Callings

Christy Hillock Valiant Activity Days Leader

Young Women

In the blink of an eye, our summer is over and we are excited for the new opportunities to learn, for the cooler weather, and for the warmth we always feel when we are together.

We had some beautiful lessons in Young Women taught by Hannah and Annika. The girls have the most amazing

testimonies of the Savior and have truly lived up to the youth theme of this year of "Look Unto Christ."



Some fun memories were created from our activities this month. We played M & M bowling, tie dyed shirts, attended the stake swimming activity, and loved challenging the Young Men in solving an Escape Room. These are such great youth!

Primary

We hope the primary kids had a wonderful first week of school. During August, we focused on our Primary program songs and passing off our Articles of Faith. The Activity Day Boys and Girls group had a fun end-of-summer swimming party. The kids also had a

great time at the stake Primary party—thank you stake leaders!

Next month, we eagerly anticipate the Pinewood Derby for the Activity Day Boys and Girls on September 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the church.



August Ice Cream Social

Our neighborhood enjoyed a delicious ice cream social at Amy and Toby Finke's home on Tuesday,



Meetinghouse Cleaning Assignments



9/6	Paul and Rebecca Simmons	Dick Sutherland	Alex and Diane Abeyta	Steven and Terumi Sagers
9/13	Abe and Lindsay Sloan	Steve and Brooke Gowdy	Jessican Bacon	Kim and Michelle Simms
9/20	Verl and Ann Greenhalgh	Holly Anderton	Michael and Chieko Astle	Kimball and Leslie Davenport
9/27	Steve and Linda Neiswender	Tyler and Jacque Ashcroft	Susan Furner	Katherine Burgess

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

9/7-13	John Nelson and Trevor Searle
9/14-20	Dwight Packard and Abe Sloan
9/21-27	Hank Pond and Dwight Searle
9/28-10/4	Lorenz Rindlisbacher and David Thomas

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.



*Little Cottonwood 18th Ward
Relief Society Sisters Are Invited*

Please Join Us at 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**



18th Ward Relief Society
WATER COLOR PAINTING CLASS

Tuesday, October 14 at 7pm
In the Relief Society room

Sister CC Blake in our ward is a
talented artist and will instruct us.
Come join us for a fun evening and try
some painting!

Supplies will be provided

