

ASHEVILLE WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

April 1-15, 2021

Easter Message

“I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me... I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold [me]” (Isaiah 63:3,5). At the conclusion of a life lived without sin, a life dedicated to healing and teaching and loving others, Jesus Christ found Himself alone. Loneliness is something we all understand more intimately after the past year. We have all felt the effects of physically distancing ourselves from others; but the challenges of our day go beyond that- political battles and social pressures leave many feeling isolated emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually, as well as physically. Some may feel they cannot relate to others in their age group; others deal with incongruence in the Church. Still, there are some who feel like their efforts are not recognized at work or home; and others who feel alienated as they face mental illness and other health challenges. Indeed, isolation and loneliness are a significant part of the mortal journey. And it is for this reason, that our Savior, Jesus Christ, experienced intense loneliness at the end of His mortal journey. But the beautiful promise of Easter Sunday, is that *because* of Christ’s Atonement, *we* need never be left alone.

“...because Jesus walked such a long, lonely path utterly alone, we do not have to do so... Trumpeted from the summit of Calvary is the truth that we will never be left alone nor unaided, even if sometimes we may feel that we are.”

-Elder Holland

Let this Easter be a reminder that, no matter how alone you may feel, you are only as alone as you let yourself be. We have been promised that we will not be left “comfortless,” that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ “will come to [us].” Indeed, the solution to loneliness is simple: reach out to the Savior. We promise He is waiting, ready to receive you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 2- Kristi Branham &

Rickytah Jacko

April 7- Carol Babbitt

April 9- Samantha Hunter

April 10- Laurel Peart

April 12- Julie Gillett

April 13- Melissa Gibson, Julia

Kotter & Katherine

Kimmons

CONFERENCE PREP RESOURCE

You can find FREE conference preparation/ study packets at the following link:

https://deseretbook.com/p/spring-general-conference-2021-full-color-packet?variant_id=191481-full-color

These packets are printable, and include games, scripture activities, coloring pages, note spaces, and more.

COME FOLLOW ME WEEKLY READING

Mar 29-Apr 4
Easter

April 5-11
D&C 30-36

April 12-18
D&C 37-40

April 19-25
D&C 41-44



If you have any questions about the birthday parade, please contact Kristen Curriden.

ELLEN BETHERS' 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Ellen Bethers is turning 100 this month! Please come celebrate our wisest member of relief society in a drive-by parade on April 17th. We will meet in the Dollar General parking lot on Cane Creek Road at 10:30am, then drive together (short distance) to the Davies' driveway for the parade. Plan on honking, waving, singing, shouting, etc. as we circle the Davies' driveway loop several times. You can decorate your vehicle however you wish, or just simply show up and spread some birthday cheer. Ellen has devoted her whole life to service in the church, her family, and the community. We hope to see many of you there!

Did You Get a Salt Scrub From Us on Sunday?

As you may have noticed, we were handing out salt scrubs and a handout this past Sunday, to celebrate the anniversary of the Relief Society. If you did not receive a salt scrub and would like one, please reach out to a member of the presidency. **FUN FACT:** The salt in these scrubs is actual salt from the Dead Sea!

Missionary Meals

Please sign up to feed our sister missionaries on the ward website. Missionaries can eat in members' homes, where they will wear a mask when not eating. *However, if you would be more comfortable, you can always prepare a meal and have the sisters come pick it up.*

Need Home/ Yard Help? If you or someone you minister to could use some help around the house or yard, let us know, and we will keep it in mind as we organize some service activities with the youth.

Freezer Meals

Some of the sisters in our ward are needing freezer meals. If you are able to make a freezer meal, please contact Sue Robinson. Her number is (828) 215-2108.

April Classes

We will not be holding any classes over Zoom for the month of April. We are hoping that the next time we meet together for class, it will be in our relief society room (more details on that coming!).

