

MULBERRY RELIEF SOCIETY

APRIL 2023



MONTHLY THEME: EASTER / POWER OF THE ATONEMENT

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

JOHN 3:16

BIRTHDAYS:

APRIL 2 - CARLY WALLIS

APRIL 5 - JENNIFER ANTONIO

APRIL 9 - AMELIA EMETT

APRIL 11 - GINA SNEDDON

APRIL 29 - RICKI CHAMBERS



LESSON SCHEDULE:

- APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY
 - SACRAMENT MEETING ONLY
- APRIL 23 - "BEAUTY FOR ASHES: THE HEALING POWER OF FORGIVENESS"
 - SISTER KRISTIN YEE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GIRLS NIGHT AT THE PARK
THURSDAY APRIL 13 - 6:30 PM
SILKWOOD PARK
LAWN GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS!

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PRESIDENCY MESSAGE:

I HAVE BEEN DOING A LOT OF WALKING LATELY. I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR WHEN IT FINALLY STARTS TO GET WARMER, THE TREES ARE FILLED WITH WHITE AND PINK "POPCORN" BLOSSOMS AND IT FEELS LIKE LIFE IS FRESH AND NEW ALL AROUND ME. ON THE FLIP SIDE, I AM ALSO AWARE AND CONCERNED FOR ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR WARD WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH HEAVY BURDENS OF ALL KINDS. SOMETIMES THE "WINTERS" IN OUR LIVES SEEM FOREVER AND WE YEARN FOR SPRING. I THINK OF OUR SAVIOR AND HIS APOSTLES. THE FRIDAY OF CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION WAS A DARK AND TERRIBLE DAY. EVIL REJOICED AND HIS HUMBLE FOLLOWERS WERE DEVASTATED. BUT ON SUNDAY, CHRIST RETURNED AS A RESURRECTED BEING. HE PAVED THE WAY, YET AGAIN, AND MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BE DELIVERED FROM THE BONDS OF DEATH. ELDER JOSEPH B. WIRTHLIN SAID THE FOLLOWING, "EACH OF US WILL HAVE OUR OWN FRIDAYS—THOSE DAYS WHEN THE UNIVERSE ITSELF SEEMS SHATTERED AND THE SHARDS OF OUR WORLD LIE LITTERED ABOUT US IN PIECES. WE ALL WILL EXPERIENCE THOSE BROKEN TIMES WHEN IT SEEMS WE CAN NEVER BE PUT TOGETHER AGAIN. WE WILL ALL HAVE OUR FRIDAYS. BUT I TESTIFY TO YOU IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO CONQUERED DEATH—SUNDAY WILL COME. IN THE DARKNESS OF OUR SORROW, SUNDAY WILL COME. NO MATTER OUR DESPERATION, NO MATTER OUR GRIEF, SUNDAY WILL COME. IN THIS LIFE OR THE NEXT, SUNDAY WILL COME." I KNOW THAT LIFE SEEMS SO DARK SOMETIMES AND YOU WONDER IF YOU WILL EVER BE ABLE TO HAVE LASTING JOY AGAIN. I ADD MY TESTIMONY TO ELDER WIRTHLIN – SUNDAY WILL COME. TRUST IN THE LORD AND CLING TO HIM DURING YOUR DESPAIR. THE ATONEMENT OF JESUS CHRIST CAN NOT ONLY CLEANSE US FROM SIN, BUT ALSO FROM SORROW, PAIN AND DISCOURAGEMENT. HE WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY TO YOUR SPRING.



MINISTERING MOMENT:

"LIKE THE FRIENDS OF THE MAN WITH PALSY, WE SUCCOR THE WEAK, LIFT UP THE HANDS WHICH HANG DOWN, AND STRENGTHEN THE FEEBLE KNEES' (DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 81:5). WE 'BEAR ... ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, AND SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST' (GALATIANS 6:2). AS WE DO, WE COME TO KNOW HIM, BECOME LIKE HIM, AND FIND HIS RELIEF." -PRESIDENT CAMILLE JOHNSON

"WHEREVER WE ARE IN THIS EASTER SEASON, LET US REACH OUT AND CARE AS OUR SAVIOR WOULD, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHOM WE ARE PRIVILEGED BY LOVE AND ASSIGNMENT TO MINISTER." -ELDER GERRIT W. GONG

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