

# Liahona

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And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord said unto him: Look upon the ball (Liahona), and behold the things which are written . . . And there was also written upon them a new wrecking, which was plain to be read, which did give us understanding concerning the ways of the Lord; and it was written and changed from time to time, according to the faith and diligence which we gave unto it. And thus we see that by small means the Lord can bring about great things." 1 **Nephi 16: 26, 29** OKC II Ward has a lot of very special people, we feel that by starting the Liahona it will bring us closer together and unify us as the family that we are keeping alive the tradition that this ward has always had... *"be there for one another."* Thanksgiving is upon us, and as we gather together with family and friends let us remember that One who gives us **ALL** we **HAVE** and **ARE**. And with that thought in mind those less fortunate. *"And thus we see that by small means the Lord can bring about great things."*

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As we enter the month of November, we begin to look forward to the Holiday Season. It is fitting that Thanksgiving, a day of thanks and gratitude should lead us unto the Christmas Season. No matter where we are as families and individuals, no matter what problems or crisis we are presently facing or what trials we are enduring, all of us have many things for which we can, and should be thankful. However, putting ourselves in a frame of mind to feel gratitude is sometimes difficult. At this time may we draw to our remembrance the unconditional love that our Father in Heaven and our Savior Jesus Christ have for us. With this feeling of love and acceptance, and with knowledge that They do indeed hear and answer our prayers, we can realize that our trials and problems give us experience and growth, opportunities to learn and enable us to empathize with others and to share our lives. We are seldom thankful for our problems at the time we are experiencing them. But as they are resolved and we enjoy yet another sunrise, we are again thankful to be part of this wonderful plan. Remember that He

commands us to acknowledge his hand in **ALL** things, and that we are instructed to give thanks to our Father in Heaven at all times. May we take the time this month to feel gratitude - and often feeling it, to express it. Let these expressions go not only to our Father in Heaven, but also to our spouses, families, friends and neighbors. May God Bless You, **Bishop Terry Payne.**

# Seminary

The spirit is vibrate and **AWAKE**. Even at 6am. a dozen Wonderful Latter-day youth gather together each morning to prepare to face the daily battle of sin and temptations. Seminary was a **NICE** thing to do back in 1912 when it first began. Now it is a **CRUCIAL** thing.

This years course of study is Doctrine and Covenant/ Church History. Students were challenged to read to Section 42 by the end of the first nine weeks term. Most accomplished this goal and pressed forward. **YEAH!!!!**

We have been edified by the testimony of pioneer missionaries and converts. This month we have been strengthened by the faith of modern day missionaries. Thanks to **Elder DeGraw and Elder Moran**, we are sharing some of the trials and blessings of being Latter-days messengers of Good News. We are thrilled by the recent baptism of our brother. Congratulations and welcome to Frankie Morales.

I am thankful for the opportunity to begin each day with these valiant warriors of our Heavenly Father. I am ecstatically pleased with their diligence in attendance and their willingness to accept callings/challenges (primarily on a volunteer/arm-twisting bases).

Praises to all parents for their support and encouragement. This month we will emphasis on the family unit and their eternal progression.

The Liahona staff will like to take this opportunity to give our thanks to sister **Yvonne Zittercob** for her efforts and for the terrific job she is doing. Being the Seminary teacher is not a piece of cake and we Know it. Thanks Yvonne and carry on.

# Missionary

## Buenos Dias!

Ever since my Primary days of thumping the hymnals to "**BOOK OF MORMON STORIES**" and playing Nephites and Lamanites in the halls, I have loved the story of Ammon and the conversion of King Lamoni. Most of us enjoy stories with a nice happy ending, so let me share one of my favorite passages from this great prophet missionary:

"And it came to pass that there were many that did believe in their words; and as many as did believe were baptized; and they became a righteous people, and they did establish a church among them.

And thus the work of the Lord did commence among the Lamanites; thus the Lord did begin to pour out his Spirit upon them; and we see that his arm is extended to all people who will repent and believe on his name." (Alma 19:35-36 Although, you can enjoy the adventures of Ammon begining in Alma Chapt. 17).

The Lord has poured out His Spirit upon our Lamanite brothers and sisters, as our work has commenced here in the OKC area. Our Ward has been blessed with several baptisms these past few months, and plans are underway to organize an independent Spanish Branch.

We have also been fortunate to have several Spanish- speaking members from other stakes join us. This has helped provide additional leadership and strength.

On behalf of the Lamanite members, I would like to express our gratitude for the love and support of the Second Ward members and Bishopric. See you at our next baptism!!!

## Elder DeGraw

**Ernesto Zavala** and his wife **Juana**, were baptized Sunday October 29. They have two children **Ernesto Jr.**, and **Elvira**.

**Frankie Morales** was baptized Friday November 3, surprising the Tristan Family.

## Also:

<b>America Lainez AngelaZamurio</b> <b>Diatra Perks Donna Medina Nikki Johnson</b>
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**CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OKC II**

# ELDERS QUORUM

**How do we help our Bishop?** Bishop Victor L. Brown wrote: *"The Bishop is the spiritual father of the ward. He has a host of helpers to assist him in this"* They are the home teachers, each officer and teacher in the ward assists him. We, as ward members, have a responsibility to respond to calls from our bishop. He should be able to depend on us to carry out our assignments. He needs the help of all of us. With that help, not only does the work of the Lord progress, but we individually are blessed, for "When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." (**Mosiah 2:17**). OKC II Ward has much to be thankful for. As Elders Quorum President, I have seen fine examples of home teachers, sacrifice for others, dedicated missionary work, and a spirit of "family" when at our social gatherings. I have felt myself grow spiritually from the service projects I've been involved in. Seeing the Priesthood in action has giving me joy and love for those serving and being served. It is my hope and prayer that the members in our ward will continue to assist Bishop Payne in a manner that will enable him to magnify his calling, and bless ward members with his wisdom, spirit and leadership.

**John A. Ramos, Elders Quorum President**

## Primary

Primary will be doing exiting things in the next two months. We will be singing many new songs for Christmas, and preparing for special performances in Sacrament Meeting. We would love to have family involtment in Sharing time. If you would like to participate in sharing time activities please contact one of the Primary Presidency. We hope to see you soon!!!!

**Bonnie Harry-Sandra Davis-Cheryl Cordes**

## Relief Society

**Beth Ramos, our Relief Society President** conveys to us the following uplifting message:

*"Perhaps the Church does more to enlighten understanding about and to lift the cause of women than any other institution on earth. It provides the path to her eternal destiny."* (**Russell M. Nelson, Oct. 1989 Conference**).

And as sisters in the Oklahoma City II Ward that path to the eternities is right in front of us. We are promised that:

1. We will become better Latter-day Saints.
2. We will have stronger homes.
3. We can strengthen our marriages.
4. We will rear stronger LDS children.
5. We can render Christlike love to others regularly.
6. We can make our neighborhoods better places to live.
7. We can be educated in successful ways to solve our personal problems.
8. We can culturally broaden and enrich our lives.
9. We will see, strive for, and attain our divine roles in the Celestial Kingdom with our Heavenly Father.

It's not a secret path! Sisters, we can achieve all of those goals and many, many more together, through active participation in Relief Society. Please join is the first Tuesday evening of each month for our Homemaking meeting and every Sunday at 12:10. Let's enrich and strengthen each other - it's so much easier together.



## Happy Thanksgiving

# Young Men

In the recent past the Young Men have been involved in a variety of activities. For service projects they have mowed the lawns for several members who have been unable to do so. They have also taken the sacrament to the homes of elderly people who can not get out to church. They have learned some cooking skills which they will put to the test on November 1 when they will be preparing a dinner on their own. Each boy will bring some of the various ingredients that they will use to prepare a meal for themselves and their leaders. If no one gets sick they can do it again for a larger group. In the last joint activity with the Young Women we all went to one of the haunted houses downtown. Most commented that it was not very scary. Afterwards we played volleyball to sharpen skills for an upcoming stake volleyball tournament.

**Dennis Anderson, Young Men President**



The Young Women Program was designed with the sole purpose to help our girls to prepare themselves and to learn their real value. We know that our Father in Heaven loves our youth and is proud of their many achievements. Lately we have been working on their homemaking skills as they showed us at our last Ward Social when they prepared funnel cakes...those that where fast got one...they were sooo good...and **YES** our girls did it all on their own. The basketball tournament is coming soon and after getting second place last year we are going for first!! Thanks to all of you for sharing your talents, and thanks parents for your support and patience. It really is appreciated.

**Gissella Lusk, YW President**

## NEW ARRIVALS

Primary will be getting bigger once again!!!!

**Elizabeth Frances Hernandez** arrived on July 5, 1989 weighting 9lbs. 8ozs. and was 22 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to her parents Wes and Donna.

Yanchai and Laura Yongchanyakul were blessed with a boy!!!!!! **Trent Prahtana** was born July 14. He weighted 7lbs. 10ozs. and was 21 inches long.

**Blake Ammon** arrived August 2 to the home of his proud parents Randy and Gissella Lusk. He weighted 7lbs. 9ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Howard and Kerri Owen are parents for the second time to **Brian Keith**.

...And...we are waiting for the arrival of Rodney and Dosha Zitterkob's baby...and many more...

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stake Conference in upon us once again. It will be held November 11-12 at the Stake Center in Moore. **Elder Francis M. Gibbons** of the Second Quorum of the Seventies will be our visiting General Authority.

The Worldwide Young Women celebration will be on Saturday November the 18th, at 8am. **"Stand for Truth and Righteousness"** is this year's theme for the celebration.

The Ward Thanksgiving leftover dinner will be on Monday November 27. Members are to share their delicious leftover with everybody.

Don't forget Homemaking Meeting on Tuesday November 7. Come and join us..it is fun.

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...OR SADNESS  
...OR HAPPINESS  
...OR ANYTHING



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