

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Relief Society Santa Clara 2nd Ward

Presidency Message

Dear Sisters:

Like many of you, I was hoping that when October came our high temperatures would ease up and we would be experiencing some lovely cooler weather. Perhaps in a week or so we will be back in the 80's and will be in southern Utah "Fall" conditions.

As with our expectations of weather, we have expectations of what our lives should look like. Expectations of education, jobs/employment, marriage, children, family, financial ambitions, retirement, church service.... we find that many of our hopes and aspirations do not come to fruition. Knowing and recognizing that "life is a journey" which has many detours, bumpy roads and hazardous weather is vital to understanding that "life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans" (John Lennon). Continuing on this journey can be difficult and hopelessness can creep into your soul.

However, in this journey of life, we are never alone. Knowing that the Savior is there for us and is aware of the challenges in life that we face. I love the poem "Footprints in the Sand" by Mary Stevenson that describes what I have experienced at times. Look for it in the newsletter.

It is comforting to know that regardless of our disappointments in life, there is joy. There can be joy in the journey and great happiness if we can exhibit hope and faith. "Let us relish life as we live it, find joy in the journey, and share our love with friends and family". (Thomas S. Monson)

"And whoso receiveth you, there I will be also,
For I will go before your face.
I will be on your right hand and on your left,
And my spirit shall be in your hearts,
And mine angels round about you,
To bear you up."
D&C 84:88

May you find joy in the journey and have hope as you face day to day challenges.
My love to you all,
Caroline

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Birthdays

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- 1st : Brenlie Shirts
- 5th : Peggy Cole
- 6th Jeanette Goodwin
- 7th : Pamela Stell
- 8th : Vickie Belmont
- 12th : Sheryl Lundwall
- 12th Bobbidawn McCoy
- 14th : Misha Hendershot
- 19th : Baily Cipirano
- 21st : Elizabeth Dayton
- 23rd : Barbara Salmon
- 25th : Diane Heckaman
- 26th : Vanessa Hardman
- 27th : Elizabeth Buritt
- 27th : Dee Ogle
- 31st : Susannah Nilsson

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonged to him, the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Lessons

- October 13th : Rejoice In The Gift Of Priesthood Keys by President Nelson
- October 26-27th Stake Conference