

Calendar of Events

1-12-20 - Primary and Youth program...  
2-7-20 - Relief Society...  
3-7-20 - Relief Society...  
4-17 - Relief Society Activity...  
5-31 - End of the School Year...  
6-14 - Primary...  
7-13 - Relief Society...  
8-23 - Relief Society...  
9-23 - Relief Society...  
10-20 - Relief Society...  
11-15 - Relief Society...  
12-13 - Relief Society...

# CANYON CREEK WARD

## RENO NEVADA STAKE

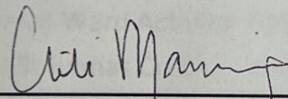
### WARD HISTORY SUMMARY

2022

UNIT # 151386

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**Bishop Curtis Manning**

## **Calendar of Events:**

- In Jan – Primary and Youth programs combine with Beaumont Ward
- 2-24 Relief Society Event: Drops of Awesome – finding ways to appreciate yourself and everything you can do instead of the things you can't yet.
- 3-31 Relief Society Birthday Dinner – Taco bar with a fun Trivia quiz and talk from Sister Watts
- 5- 14 – Stake Women's Conference
- 5-17 – Relief Society Activity – Popsicles and a stroll, come socialize and get to know the sisters in the ward.
- 6-01 – End of the School Year Annual Ward BBQ
- 6-18 – Primary Olympics Stake Activity for 8–11-year-olds
- 8-23 – Relief Society Activity
- 8-28 – Linger Longer at Northgate Park
- 9-17 – Tri-Ward Festival – craft day for Relief Society
- 9-26 – Stake Conference – Ward boundaries adjusted. Riverbend ward disbanded, many come to Canyon Creek
- 10-09 – First weekend of the new combined ward. Primary and youth are still combined with Beaumont ward until after the Primary Program.
- 10-22 – Primary Program
- 10-26 – Trunk or Treat Ward Activity- Halloween Celebration
- 12-02 and 12-03 – Christmas Creche- Nativities from around the world fill the cultural hall. Members and non-members perform musical numbers and visit to focus on Christ to begin the Christmas season.
- 12-09 – Ward Christmas Dinner

## **Brief Summary:**

It has been a time of changes for our Ward. At the beginning of the year, our leaders decided to combine the youth and primary with the Beaumont Ward because the number of participating children was low in both wards. Adults met for their meetings separately, but callings for the Young Men's, Young Women's, and Primary included people from both wards. The children much appreciated having more peers to interact with. In October during Stake conference, it was announced that the Riverbend Ward was to be dissolved and many members would be joining Canyon Creek. The bishops from Canyon Creek and Beaumont agreed to keep the primary combined until after the Primary Program. For the remainder of the year, Beaumont and Canyon Creek were separated for Sunday meetings but continued to combine for the activity nights.

One significant faith building experience for our Ward was the Christmas Creche. It started as a small idea to share nativities and quickly grew to included 152 nativities from around the world and musical performances from members and non-members over the 2-day event. Almost 1,500 people from the community visited the Robb Drive building during Friday and Saturday to come and remember Christ as the real meaning for our Christmas celebrations.

As a ward, we started the year with 350 members and ended with 409. There has been one convert baptism.

### **Organization Summaries:**

**Primary:** I have seen the hand of God this last month in my calling as a new presidency and primary teachers were called quickly, and all came together to work with one another to serve the primary children. I saw the hand of God as new primary children came into this ward and were included into their primary program. I felt the spirit as I listened to the newly combined primary and youth sing, "I will be what I believe" together. Watching wards blend and seeing children included and connected into a new ward has helped me recognize the hand of God. ~ Sister Catherine Craig, Primary President

### **Young Women's:**

I have been able to see the hand of God through the people I have had the opportunity to serve with. Small answers to prayers through people, loving leaders who came before me, parents who are so generous and kind. I have seen the hand of God in the girls, their eyes, their light throughout the new changes. It is not easy but with the right attitude and reminder of why we are here, change is possible. It has been a big transition getting our new ward figured out and it's still a process, but it has been fun, humbling and a lot of stretching. God's hand is in the little things from thoughts that come to people who reach out, to the Spirit at activities. This is His work! ~ Sister Shailee Garcia, YW President

### **Relief Society:**

2022 has been a year of great spiritual growth in the Canyon Creek ward. Kimberly Glass was baptized in the Spring. Most notable was the stakes reconfiguration of all of the ward boundaries and the dissolution of one ward in the Reno Nevada Stake. The efforts that followed resulted in numerous sisters opening their hearts and homes to visits and church attendance. Repeatedly we felt undeniably the hand of the Lord prepare all for these changes. Three sisters in a medical care facility that was closed in our ward boundary were transferred to a Sparks, NV ward. The two relief society presidents have been working closely to help continue the visits and teaching for these sisters. All three are now active and the one that was not a member has a baptismal date for next month. The stories of these three sisters have been exceptionally sweet and tender. We are all grateful to be a part of this great work. ~ Sister Jamie Kelly, RS President

### **Elders Quorum:**

We were installed as the presidency in April. With the disbanding of high priest groups, I was encouraged to select representatives from a variety of generations for the presidency.

What came out was the young guy Ryan Sloan (30 something), myself the middle guy at 51, Coleman 1/2 generation ahead near 60, and our wise Richard Haines representing the slightly more mature folks. I knew nothing of the Sloan family except asking my wife "Who's that?" at the time I was searching for promptings. Interestingly, he and I visited the Coe's and, at Judie's suggestion, did the "Find Relatives Near Me" app, which I may have done twice before in my life. Wouldn't you know that Ryan and I were 3rd cousins with the same great, great grandfather of pioneer stock? It's rare to find someone who knows where Panguitch, Utah, is, let alone have grandparents buried there the same as I do. We shared family stories and considered our meetings family reunions. And then they moved to Idaho last month! To me it was a powerful tender mercy that the Lord saw fit first to put us in proximity for a short time, and then not let the opportunity pass of actually realizing who we are relative to each other.

For his part, Coleman grew up with my two older siblings, although I knew him way back when he lived in the area and his family took care of an historic mansion in Verdi that no longer exists. We reconnected at my brother's funeral about 10 years ago and now are close friends and partners. As a mechanic, he helped rescue my wife's car from salvage after she hit a large rock on 4th street, and he rescued my glitching car that I had to leave on the side of the road once. And Richard is the only person I have met who remembers me as a resident of Sparks, where I lived the first 9 months of my life. He is dear friends with my in-laws, and he has been an invaluable friend and mentor to my sons, among many others. With Ryan's leaving, we now have Phil Walker ably contributing to the ministering efforts.

As always with any elder's quorum, we strive to move the work forward and care for each individual with support and love. We participated with the missionaries with the conversion of one Kimberly Glass, who is physically disabled, and then supported her move to a new apartment and circumstance. We did likewise for Jessica Lombardi, a single mother, who moved during a terrible blizzard on New Year's Eve. Owing to the weather and the holiday, I feared no one would show up, but that was not the case. Many came in true pioneer spirit and ushered her into a new walk of life. I hope that even as we all do the most for ourselves that we can, that we feel the comfort of knowing that we are supported by caring souls who would do the same for us. It is my pleasure to serve with faithful, loving people in an organizing capacity to provide that support for as many of God's children as we can.

~ Brother Karl Watts, Elders Quorum President





**Activity Days- Boys activity.**



**Stake Primary Olympics, 6/18 at the Stake Center**







Combined Activities Day Event:







**Young Women's' Activities:**

Youth and primary combined with Beaumont at the beginning of the year so we would have more girls to do fun things with. It was a great success. We had some fun activities throughout the year!

Basketball season!







Getting to know the Relief Society Sisters in both wards. Such a fun activity!





TREK JULY 2022







**Ward Activities:**  
**June Ward BBQ:**





Christmas Creche, 12/02-12/03, Robb Drive Building









Ward Christmas Dinner, 12/09, Robb Drive Building

