

## **Message from the Presidency**

During January and February, the Stake Relief Society Presidency taught the lesson during the annual ward conferences. Julie Slaugh, President, Lynne Buckner, 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor.; Cindy Scharman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor.; and Sarah Hopkin, Secretary all shared their testimonies and taught principles to help our sisters draw closer to the Savior; develop more faith, and give them the strength to persevere in these troubled times.

They taught that Faith is a gift of God. It is a principle of power which is bestowed on us through obedience to God's commandments. We must not only know about the life of Jesus Christ, we must come to know him better. Faith does not come by chance; it is a choice. He invites us to "Come, follow me." As we progress in living the gospel, we can reach a "point of surrender." When our trust in the Lord is great enough that we are willing to give our will over to him and follow the path he opens for us. The Savior is our Advocate with the Father. Through His atonement and by our obedience to the commandments, we will once again regain His presence.

The video, "More Holiness Give me" was shown. It describes the attributes of our Savior and encouraged us learn of Him and to become more like him.