

PRIMARY SPOTLIGHTS

January – June

Stake Baptism January 5, 2019

Willow Creek 4th Ward

Brandt Parley Baldwin

Brandt is his family's first born. He has a big heart and is a good example to his younger brothers. Brandt has no guile. He has a strict conscience and is very obedient to his parents and to the commandments. He is creative and fills the home with laughter. Brandt exercises great patience with his little brother, Coleman, who is busy and often demanding. He makes a very genuine and special effort each day to play with his other brother, Steele. He is also very protective of and caring for their puppy, Lucy, even turning down a proposition to sell her for \$1 million. Another special trait about Brandt is that he always makes sure his mom is taken care of and feels love and comfort if she's having a bad day. Brandt is so kind. He makes friends easily and is loved by everyone, including those at school in his class. Brandt loves to play video games, especially ones that take some figuring out, like Minecraft. He also likes to play baseball. He recently found an interest in sitting quietly and writing in his journal. Brandt has worked so hard in preparation for this big baptism day. He and his dad have had many thoughtful conversations about why getting baptized is important and how much the Savior loves us. He is super excited to be baptized and become a member of Jesus Christ's church.

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Willow Creek 3rd Ward

Gabriella Jayne Hokanson

Every family needs a spark and Ella is theirs. She is a sweet, spicy, bundle of energy and is always on the go. She gets excited about the big and the little things. She is generous and is often gifting things to her friends. She likes to write sweet notes for her family, especially her mom. She loves anything creative. She is a great artist, loves to draw and hopes to be a fashion designer some day. She loves to create interesting and unique ensembles and would never be seen in plaid. She is taking an acting class and has a flare for the dramatic. She has always loved the gospel. Ella has a natural testimony and has been brave enough to share it in Sacrament meeting. She loves to give talks. When asked to give a 2-3 minute talk in the Primary program, she said "Can I go longer?" She is outgoing and will talk to anyone. She loves teaching and helping others. Ella is in the ward choir. She loves it and even drags her mom along, too. She is excited to be baptized and follow in the footsteps of her Savior. She nows being baptized and receiving the Holy Ghost will help her become like Heavenly Father and Jesus. Ella brings bundles of happiness and bushels of love to her home. Her family are so glad she was adopted into their family. They love her and are proud of their Pickle Juice.

Stake Baptism January 5, 2019

Willow Creek 2nd Ward

Lily Morgan Hosenfeld

Lily has a sweet, tender heart. She loves to care for everyone around her. Lily is very creative. She spends hours drawing pictures, writing stories and building elaborate structures with her magnetiles. She loves to read books and always asks for "just one more page" when she's told that it's time to put her book away. Lily loves the outdoors. She spends the summer riding her bike. She did a 6-mile bumpy mountain bike ride in Colorado when she was 7! In the winter, she loves to ski and is always searching for a windy trail through the trees. Lily is fun to ski with because she is always singing a song and somehow managing to dance as she goes down the hill. Lily is a very talented violinist and practices very diligently. She has a sharp ear and can play a song on her violin after hearing it just a few times. Lily is delightful and fun. She's a wonderful friend, sister, and daughter. Lily is so excited to be baptized that she put "getting baptized" on her Christmas list. She is a wonderful example of Jesus' teaching to love one another.

February 2, 2019

Willow Creek 1st Ward

Wyatt Benjamin Poland

Wyatt Benjamin Poland is such a joy in his family! He is the peacemaker in his home. He is tender hearted and aware of others' feelings. He makes friends easily. Wyatt has a green belt in karate, he enjoys skiing, and loves Legos. Wyatt is very bright. He learns easily and looks critically at the world. He will say the funniest things making everyone laugh. He is so excited to be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost for a comforter!

February 2, 2019

Willow Creek 2nd Ward

Joseph (Joey) Peacock Pace

Joey is an enthusiastic and animated boy who brings joy and laughter to everyone around him. He loves to tell jokes and he makes his family laugh every day. He loves mini-corn dogs and pizza, and would pass up sweets any day for salty snacks. He is good at drawing, math, playing the piano, tumbling and loves to go sledding and make his own tie-dye shirts. Joey is a sweet brother, generous and helpful. He is the family's deep thinker and has a great curiosity. He often asks many heartfelt, sincere questions about life and the gospel and tries to think through the causes and effects of life. Joey's family is humbled by the faith of their beautiful son. When he broke his arm a year ago, the first thing he wanted to do was say a prayer. Recently when it was announced that a brother in his ward was ill, Joey suggested that his family pray for him. They are grateful for his example of faith in our Heavenly Father. Joey says he wants to follow Jesus by doing good things and reading the scriptures. His family is so delighted that he has chosen to follow the Savior and be baptized. They love Joey very much!

February 2, 2019

Willow Creek 3rd Ward

Grace Evelyn Hansen

Grace was a difficult pregnancy and when she was born, the doctor was even relieved to see that she was a viable child. She came out kicking and screaming and fighting to live, and has continued to have a

vivaciousness for life. On any given day you can see her doing some sort of tumbling trick, or teaching herself some new skill. She has a love of life that is contagious to those around her. She's got a great sense of humor, is adventurous, and is an advocate for the underdog. Grace is a great example to her younger brother and sister. To them she is a super hero. Her family feels so blessed to have her in their family. Her parents are so proud of her and grateful for her desire to do good, and her love of learning the scriptures.

February 2, 2019
Willow Creek 6th Ward

Micah Hill

Micah is excited to be baptized. He's been looking forward to this day ever since he saw his big brother Ryan get baptized. Micah has a tender heart and has always loved to pray. Micah has faith in Heavenly Father and our family has been blessed by answers to Micah's faithful prayers. Micah is kind. He loves to help others and is a great brother. He is particularly good at helping his younger brother Kyler in anyway. Micah also enjoys making people laugh, playing sports, dancing, surfing and snowboarding and usually has the best hair in the room. Micah brightens any room or place with his dimpled smile and charming personality. Micah's family loves him and are so glad to have him in their family.

February 2, 2019
Willow Creek 6th Ward

Brynn Moore

Since Brynn was born, her family sensed a zest for life within her. Brynn loves trying new things and gets so excited for adventures. She has a hard time choosing hobbies because she wants to do them all!!! Brynn has a sensitive side as well. She notices when others need a friend and is concerned for those who are picked on at school. It is important for Brynn to choose the right and do the right things. Brynn is very honest and will often confess (out of her own free will) when she has broken a rule. Brynn feels good about getting baptized and is excited to receive the Holy Ghost. Brynn is an essential part of her family and they love her dearly.

March 2, 2019
Willow Creek 3rd Ward

Levi Dowdle

Levi is a very special boy. He is loved by all of his family. His brothers and sister are always amazed at how smart he is. Levi has learned a lot about the world and how it works through books. He LOVES to read, and watch You Tube videos about science and history. He has been blessed by God with a sharp, inquisitive mind and an intuitive nature to find answers to questions. Levi loves to learn about the gospel by reading the Book of Mormon and Bible gospel story books. Levi is extremely excited to be baptized, and to make important covenants with Heavenly Father. He wants to follow Jesus by following His example.

March 2, 2019
Willow Creek 9th Ward
Max Jay Sorenson

Maxwell is such a bright light in our family. When Maxwell joined our family, he had two older brothers and now has a younger sister and younger brother as well. As a result, Maxwell has always been independent and takes charge of doing what he wants to do. He is low maintenance, doesn't cause much trouble, and acts older than his age.

From an early age, Maxwell has loved sports, especially basketball. We even put up a hoop inside the house for Max and he is always dribbling and shooting hoops. Maxwell also loves art and craft projects.

Maxwell has lots of spiritual gifts including patience, kindness, and love of the gospel. It is not unusual that we will find Maxwell reading the scriptures in his bed without being prompted or instructed to do so. When Maxwell talks about getting baptized, he lights up and you can tell that the spirit has testified to him that this is something Heavenly Father wants him to do. In family home evenings, his parents love that Maxwell is willing bear his testimony to his family and we think this willingness to share what he knows will cause him to be a great missionary some day.

We sure love Maxwell!

Stake Baptism April 13, 2019
Willow Creek 2nd Ward
Austin John Peterson

Jake and I cannot imagine our life without our first baby, Austin. He brings so much joy to our home and especially to his little brother, Max, who asks multiple times each day when brother gets home from school. Austin has always had a special sense of others' feelings and he does what he can to make others happy. He is a patient, loving friend and surrounds himself with positive, fun kids. Austin is bold and brave, too. When Jake and I were asked to speak in church a few weeks ago, Austin asked if he could also write a talk of his own and speak. He did it! He shared a personal story and his testimony of prayer and everyone loved it. We are so lucky to have such a responsible son. I know I can always trust him when he is looking out for his little brother. It's as good as having mom or dad there. Austin is also very smart; he is always thinking logically. His keenness out smarts me all the time! Austin is also very athletic and we love watching him on the soccer field. He enjoys his bike rides with his dad, too. We love Austin and are humbled by the things he teaches us each day! Congrats on your big day buddy, we are proud of you!

Stake Baptism April 13, 2019
Willow Creek 6th Ward
Gwyneth Magdalena Christensen

When Gwyn was three months old and received a name and a blessing from her dad, we decided to change her name from Sylvia to Gwyneth. Although Sylvia is a lovely name, Gwyneth, which means

happiness in Welsh, perfectly describes Gwyn, who brings happiness everywhere she goes. Like Ruth in the scriptures, who stayed with Naomi after her husband and sons had died, Gwyn is a loyal, kind and generous friend who is always looking for ways to help and encourage others. Gwyn frequently uses her own money to buy treats or surprises for members of our family. If someone is behind on a job, she will gladly pitch in and use her own time to help those around her succeed. She is also a diligent learner and teacher; she makes sure to bring her scriptures with her each week to church and plans thorough and inspiring family home evening lessons for us. Gwyn has a positive attitude and loves to have a good time and entertain those around her with all kinds of fun and creative antics. She is a joy to have in our family and we all benefit from her example of faith, persistence, kindness and optimism.

Stake Baptism April 13, 2019

Willow Creek 7th Ward

Hannah Isabelle Crofts

Hannah Isabelle Crofts was born into our home on February 11, 2011. She has brought joy and happiness into our lives from the day she was born. She is a wonderful sister to her older brother Johnny. They are very good friends and enjoy doing things together. Hannah always loves to be busy doing things. She loves crafts and loves doing things with her hands. She is wonderful at art and is very creative. She is a good student and loves to read. She will go to the library and get thirty books and then read them in two or three days and go back for more. She loves to go to her dance class and is currently learning to play the violin and has really enjoyed skiing this year. Hannah is a very good friend and loves being around people. She has so much fun playing with her friends and cousins. When she gets home from school she is always excited to share what happened that day. Hannah is very excited to get baptized. She loves her Heavenly Father and wants to do what is right. Her favorite scripture is Ether 12 : 27 and it is fun to hear her recite it from memory. We are very proud of the good decisions that Hannah's making in her life and are excited for her baptism.

April 13, 2019

Willow Creek 4th Ward

Joslyn Pohlman

Joslyn is such a light to our family. She is a great example to her siblings and parents. She is a peacemaker and is always helping others. She is very obedient, happy and fun to be around. Joslyn loves learning and has always been an excellent student. She enjoys reading to her siblings and helping out with family lessons. She is working on developing many talents. Some of the things she enjoys are: reading, playing sports especially soccer and basketball, playing the piano, dancing, and singing. She is very responsible, organized, and a good friend to many. Joslyn reminds us of Abish who was one of King Lamoni's servants in the scriptures. Abish believed in the gospel before it was popular and knew the time to stand up for her beliefs. She showed a quiet courage just like Joslyn does. Joslyn leads others by choosing right at all times but is also a peacemaker in times of trouble. She is a wonderful big sister and we are so lucky that she is a part of our family. We are so excited for her to be baptized and love her very much.

Stake Baptism April 13, 2019

Willow Creek 3rd Ward

Owen Kendall Merkley

Owen is right in the middle of five brothers and is such a great brother! He loves to hold his baby Calvin and make him laugh, he is a good buddy to his younger brother Lincoln and can ride bikes and keep up with his big brothers. Owen is creative and loves to do projects with all the supplies in his art box. He likes school and likes to do his very best. He likes basketball and baseball and is very talented on the piano. He loves to perform his songs for anyone who will listen! Owen has a very kind heart and is aware of the needs of those around him. He always tries to be a helper and make others happy. In our family, he is like Nephi, as he has a strong desire to choose the right. Last year he read the entire children's Book of Mormon stories in just two weeks! And was the first to complete Dad's Book of Mormon challenge. He is often the peacemaker in our family and a great example to us all. He has been looking forward to his baptism for a long time. We are so lucky to have Owen in our family! We love you Owen!

April 13, 2019

Willow Creek 4th Ward

Judd Steven Pohlman

Judd is such an important part of our family and brings a lot of joy to us. He is very dependable, inquisitive and loyal to others around him. He is a friend to all and really wants to make sure everyone is included. Judd is very creative and is a great student. He works really hard in all he does and has great ideas. There have been many times that he comes up with a great solution to a problem in our family. He is a very good listener and is obedient by following instructions. Judd enjoys doing many things. He especially likes riding bikes, playing sports like basketball and baseball, building things, helping his Dad with projects, art, and being with friends. He reminds us of Helaman in the scriptures by being brave and courageous. He is trustworthy and takes care of those around him. He is a leader by being a good example to others. Judd is excited to get baptized and we are very proud to be his parents.

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May 4, 2019
Willow Creek 3rd ward
Harper Ivymae Adams

Harper has a great personality, which ranges from stubbornness to a genuine Christ-like care for others. She loves all of God's creations, especially animals, babies, the elderly, and nature. She loves leaving notes around the house for her mom and dad, expressing her love and appreciation. This winter she was determined to shovel driveways of two elderly neighbors, and recruited her older brother for help. Last spring, it was her idea to get the family to clean up a field full of windblown garbage. Harper is an intelligent, beautiful, charming, strong-willed girl. School comes easy for her, especially math. She makes friends with ease and lights any room she enters with her radiant smile. She is a natural leader, and when focused, she can accomplish anything she sets her mind to. The world is truly her oyster.

May 4, 2019
Willow Creek 4th Ward
Clark Romney

Clark lives to play. He is a good sport and up for anything. He enjoys biking, skiing, swimming, baseball, basketball, playing piano, playing with his parakeet, but most of all playing outside and catching bugs. He is creative and loves to build things out of whatever he can. He is constantly building new parakeet playgrounds out of cardboard and tape. He is known as the tape monster at our house because he goes through so much tape. He is the second of three boys. He is the most daring of the family, winning the youngest to get stitches competition at 18 months old. He is clever, kind and fun to be around. Both his brothers and his parents really like his playfulness. He is especially kind to let his younger brother, Talmage, tag along with him and his friends so often. Clark is a happy kid. He is happy to get baptized and following Jesus' example and we are proud of his choice to do it.

May 4th 2019
Willow Creek 7th Ward
Talmage Jones High

Talmage was a sweet baby. It was at 13 months that we saw a peek into the strong-willed, independent and determined personality that he came with. You can often hear the phrase, "Let's GO!" from Talmage. This represents his excitement for adventure, passion for life, and shows the never ending exuberant energy that he has with everything he does. Talmage is the center of our family with two older brothers and a younger brother and sister. He is a great playmate and will run to help if he sees someone in need. Talmage is brave and has courage. At just four years old he had an eye surgery and was the bravest of us all. He is known for even defending his big brother on the playground when he was only in Kindergarten - but that didn't matter to him - it was what he saw needed to be done. Everybody knows Talmage because he stands out and stands up. Talmage is very competitive; he loves every sport he's ever played, from hockey in our basement to baseball, soccer and any invented game he can come up with from Pokemon to backyard kickball. We had no idea that he had it in him to win the fun run at his school in Kindergarten, but whatever Talmage does, he is going to try with all his might. He has been learning the gospel through reading scriptures, attending primary and memorizing

many Articles of Faith and songs. He has a songbird voice and is great at learning quickly and memorizing. Talmage gives the sweetest hugs and has a memorable and enduring smile. He leaves no doubt that he loves you. More than anything, I know that God has amazing things for Talmage to accomplish in this life. We are so grateful and excited to see him be baptized, confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost to help him achieve the purposes of God.

Stake Baptism June 1, 2019

Willow Creek 7th Ward

Ana Wytiaz

Ana is a wonderful young girl. She is very sensitive to the needs of other children, always trying to share and make them feel good. She's a great listener. She likes to roller skate, ride her bike and is enrolled in tumbling classes. Ana is very excited to be baptized. She loves Jesus and especially loves how He healed a blind man and healed others that were sick. She loves driving by temples and talks about how beautiful they are. Ana is so sweet. She's a joy to be around and easy to love. She is also very funny and likes to goof around. We're very proud of her for making the decision to get baptized and excited to welcome her into being a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Stake Baptism June 1, 2019

Willow Creek 7th Ward

Liam Henry Fetzer

Everything about Liam is big. Not just his physical size. Liam has a big personality, a big imagination, and a great big heart. When there is noise and laughter in the house, Liam is usually in the middle of it. He loves to be with people, share stories, and turn up the volume. He's always excited to jump on the trampoline, ride scooters, and play sports. If he has a chance to hang out with friends, he'll do whatever it takes to make it happen. If things are quiet, it's probably because Liam has gotten lost in a book. If he's reading or being read to, he'll stay occupied for hours. Reading with Liam is an interactive experience. There's no such thing as getting through a paragraph uninterrupted. Liam is either interjecting some hypothetical scenario, sharing a story of how he relates to the main character, or asking some clarifying question. You can almost see the scenes of the story being recreated in his head. Liam is full of empathy and love. Because he participates with every bit of every emotion he possesses, he seems to understand people's joy and pain and connects with them very deeply. His love for his family and his friends is big. And so is his love for God and his Savior.

Stake Baptism June 1, 2019

Willow Creek 4th Ward

Bennet H Cook

We are so excited for Bennet and the decision he has made to be baptized! When asked why Bennet made this choice he said it was because he wanted to follow Jesus' example. From a young age he has always had a strong desire to do what is right. We are grateful for the example he sets for his younger siblings. Bennet loves all things Legos, vehicles, art and friends. He enjoys learning and works very hard

in school. He recently participated in Spanish club and is always very enthusiastic to answer questions with the little bit he has learned and speak with his Spanish speaking Abuela. Bennet loves jokes and games. His dad recently bought him a joke book that he often suggests beginning and ending the day with, as well as starting meals with a good joke. Bennet is an amazing eater and will often out eat his mom. His favorite foods include Italian, Indian, Mexican, and ice-cream. Bennet loves the outdoors, especially fishing trips with his Dad. When asked what his favorite sport was in preschool, he said camping and I think that holds still to this day. Again we are very pleased with the choice Bennet has made to follow the Savior and love him very much.

Stake Baptism June 1, 2019

Willow Creek 9th Ward

Lincoln Joshua Walker

This is Lincoln. He turned 8 on Monday and is so excited to get baptized. Lincoln loves making people laugh. He has a joke for every occasion. He loves making friends and loves to strike up conversations with everyone he meets. He is kind and thoughtful. He likes to ride his bike, read, swim, play tennis, and he is a great roller skater. He loves steak. He likes sharks, Star Wars and Legos. He loves listening to music and will happily debate why Electric Light Orchestra is better than The Beatles. He is a very special person and there is a hole in our family when he's not with us. We love to hear his laugh and see his smile. He is always there to cheer people up when they're having a hard time. He believes in Jesus and wants to follow Him. We love Lincoln so much and feel so lucky to have him in our family.

Stake Baptism June 1, 2019

Willow Creek 9th Ward

Sophia Elizabeth Lieber

Sophia comes from a family of six and has lived in Southern California, Texas, and Utah. Some of her favorite things are horses, summer-time, Mac 'n Cheese, and all things pink. She is a happy, free spirited girl who is always looking to have fun and be with others. She loves to dance, ski, jump on the tramp, play the piano, do art, swim, cartwheel, and play with friends. Sophia has a very sweet nature and is kind to everyone around her. She is always thinking of others and making cards for everyone. She loves to cuddle and show love. Sophia is such a special girl. We love having her as a part of our family.

Stake Baptism June 1, 2019

Willow Creek 6th Ward

Bodie S. Hinckley

Bodie embodies everything that is good in the world. He makes me and the people in his life want to do better, act better, and be better. I can recall when he had a friend over to play, then another unexpected friend came over to also play. There was a bit of a verbal tug-of-war going on about what they all wanted to do. Bodie immediately diffused the arguing by suggestion they do what one friend wanted to do for 20 minutes then what the other friend wanted to do for 20 minutes. It seems so simple but he made it a win-win for everyone and THAT is Bodie. He is accommodating, tender, kind, inclusive,

fun, athletic, powerful and smart. Bodie we all love you, are proud of you and are honored to have you in our lives.

Stake Baptism June 1, 2019

Willow Creek 9th Ward

J. R. Thackeray

JR has been a ray of sunshine in our lives since the day he was born. By nature he has always been a sweet and happy kid. He is cautious and likes to follow the rules and do what's right. He also has a hard time when the people around him aren't doing what they're supposed to be doing. He is so kind and such a good friend to all his buddies. JR loves playing with his friends and really likes playing sports. He loves baseball, soccer, flag football and golf. He also likes to read and works hard in school. He is always eager to learn something new and is always asking questions. He has been so excited to follow the example of Jesus to be baptized and we are so proud of him for making this decision. We all just love him to pieces and are so grateful for him. We are so lucky to have him in our family.

Stake Baptism June 1, 2019

Willow Creek 7th Ward

Caroline Grace Sadler

Caroline has always been full of life since the day she was born. She wakes up each morning eager to be up and getting started on the day. Caroline helps her dad and me with her younger siblings and jobs around the house. She loves gymnastics, playing soccer, swim team, sewing with her aunt, and playing with friends. We love having Caroline in our family. She is always looking to serve others and help others to be happy; our favorite is when she seeks opportunities to serve without being asked. At school, we have been so impressed with her ability to make friends and always including others, never closing her circle of friends. Caroline is extremely excited to get baptized and become a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Caroline carries a light with her that shines so bright. She can't wait to have the Holy Ghost to guide her in her life day to day. We are so proud of her and the beautiful young lady who she has become today.