

GILBERT STAKE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER

2022

DID YOU KNOW...

The church email system is having trouble with yahoo, cox and aol emails. If you have one of those accounts you most likely are not getting emails sent thru the church system. The church has been working on this for months and doesn't seem to be fixed easily. If you have any other email we invite you to change your email in ldstools and/or get a Gmail account that can be forwarded to your other account. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please reach out to your ward clerk with any questions or to see how we can get information to you.

This year for **#LightTheWorld**, focus on sharing kindness, just like Jesus did. Throughout December, look for ways to bring joy to someone new each day. By following Jesus, the true Light of the World, you can bring a little light to the lives of friends, family members, coworkers, and even strangers!

Don't forget to visit the Giving Machines under the Gilbert water tower. Now until January 1st.

25 DAYS OF KINDNESS

FROM DECEMBER 1 TO CHRISTMAS DAY, PAY ATTENTION TO THE WAYS THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU HAVE SHARED THEIR LIGHT WITH YOU AND OTHERS. EACH DAY, HIGHLIGHT THEIR SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. HOPEFULLY THE EXAMPLES YOU SHARE CAN INSPIRE MANY MORE TO REACH OUT WITH LOVE LIKE JESUS DID. MAKE SURE TO USE THE FOLLOWING HASHTAG IN YOUR POSTS:

#LIGHTTHEWORLD

TEXT LIGHT TO 71234 FOR DAILY REMINDERS



CALENDAR



Thursday 12/01

Community Ancestry Event 7pm Stake Center. Invite your neighbors.



Sunday 12/04

Special stake fast for missionary work



Sunday 12/04

First Presidency Christmas Message 6PM MST



Saturday 12/10

Stake Baptisms 9am



12/16-12/18

Community Drive-thru Nativity 6-9pm Enter going east on Elliot Rd



Sunday 12/25

Merry Christmas!

Invite your neighbors to worship with us.



Saturday 12/31

Youth New Years Eve Dance

Happy New Year!



Addiction Recovery

Every Wednesday

7pm at Gilbert High Seminary.

All are welcome 18+

Thank you so much for all that donated to Sharing Down Syndrome. They are going to have a fantastic holiday party and so much happiness as they get to pick a gift after visiting Santa.



OUR STAKE AND FRIENDS WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND SERVING OTHERS IN 2022. HERE IS A SUMMARY OF JUST SOME OF THE GOODNESS PROVIDED BY SO MANY.

- Provided peanut butter and jelly for the homeless.
- Served dinner multiple nights at Paz de Cristo.
- Collaborated with Evident Life Church for the Town of Gilbert Food Drive.
- Collected items for Valley Wise behavioral health teenagers.
- Provided meals for the homeless in the ihelp program, men at East Valley Men's Shelter, and women at Autumn House.
- So many school supplies were donated to a local elementary school in need.
- Water drive for the homeless.
- HUGE projects at 6 local schools for 9/11 Day of Service.
- Christmas gifts for Sharing Down Syndrome holiday party.
- Youth provided items to go in 300 stockings for teens at Canyon State Academy.
- Seven blood drives were held at our stake center.
- And SO much more that was done by individuals, families, organizations, wards, and friends.

Thank you