

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

June 14, 2020



Recent events and Randy's thoughtful message from last week prompt me to share two Grampa stories.

First, my 4-year-old granddaughter Winnie wanted a pet, so her parents bought her a fish, and placed him in a small aquarium in their family room. It got me thinking about fish.

Second, Friday morning my eighth grandchild tumbled into our lives and stole my heart. Little Mabel Pauline slept through our first meeting, and left my heart and mind free to wonder about what her talents, joys, challenges and triumphs will be. The way her tiny fingers grip mine tell me she is already very advanced. I wonder if she will want a fish.

Someday, I hope that I can tell her what I've been learning about people and fish. That it is hard to see water when you're a fish because fish are surrounded by it, literally swimming in it. So it is hard for a fish to really comprehend what it means to be out of water. Some fish might say, "I know how others live. I've poked my head above the surface and I get it. I see others bend their necks down to drink, so I understand thirst and yearning for water."

I hope that I can explain that white privilege surrounds those who are white or are perceived to be, like the water engulfs the fish. It is clear, unseen, and pervasive, making it difficult to comprehend. I hope that she will see that white privilege and water describe systems, or environments, not people. The fish isn't the water. We don't blame individual fish for the system of water. They didn't create it. However, fish do benefit from being born into it. We may not be surprised if fish, unaware of the needs of birds or mammals, created a water-only world. Dry land doesn't serve fish, so why carve out good space for anything else. Not intentional meanness, it is a lack of understanding and awareness.

I hope I can help her see that fish probably do what makes sense from their own perspective. Fish might even claim to know what others' need based on all the hours of watching them dip their noses or beaks into the pond, and might see others' struggles in a water-only world as being a character flaw in such animals. "They are just inferior swimmers". Or, they might say to themselves and to the land and air animals, "we are all the same. Let's not worry about our differences," not seeing the danger it causes.

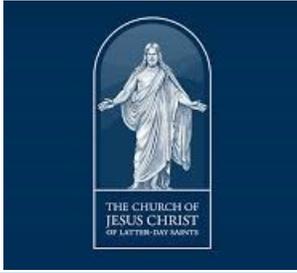
I think that Mabel will understand people and fish better than I do, because even though she doesn't know it yet, she is loved by over 250 family members of all different colors, brown, yellow, white and black. In addition to being of European descent, her family heritage of colors is from Mexico, Iran, India, Korea, China, Peru, Costa Rica, and Africa.

Immersed in my warm joy with little Mabel, my heart aches for the parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, cousins, friends and loved ones that recent news footage revealed to the world were taken too soon, whose opportunities and joys and talents, challenges and triumphs lay stolen from them, from us, for all the world to see through both intentional and blind racism and prejudice.

It is my prayer that each of us—that I— can discover how we can help make the world a wonderful place to live and grow, as President Nelson reminded us. That we can educate ourselves and take efficacious policy and personal steps to come together for one another where "We are brothers and sisters, each of us the child of loving Heavenly Parents. Our Brother, the Lord Jesus Christ, invites all to come unto Him—"black and white, bond and free, male and female," (2 Nephi 26:33). That none of us need be fish out of water.

Warmly,

Bishop Graham
Randy Peterson
Chris Furstenu



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Ward Council Message on Reopening our Sunday Worship Services

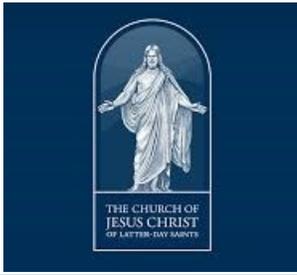
As many of you, we look forward to regular church meetings beginning again. The First Presidency, with guidelines, has approved Stakes and Wards to resume ward meetings on a limited, phased-in basis. In response, consistent with those guidelines, the Bishopric and the Ward Council are working on a plan to do so. The Bishopric and our Ward Council are committed to the health and safety of all of our ward and community members, and want to recommence church consistent with best health practices and an abundance of caution. While no specific date to reopen is currently recommended, we identified benchmarks to guide us:

- Salt Lake City must move to "yellow" before returning to any church services.
- After moving to yellow, we anticipate an additional three-week period (at a minimum) in which to evaluate trends, and note any Garden Park cases;
- If trends are favorable, finalize re-opening plans to include:
 - Emphasis on no one feeling compelled or pressured to participate until they are ready.
 - Choice of attending one of two meetings per month, lasting 45 minutes – to accommodate our chapel social distancing capacity.
 - Regular start time at 10:00, with a request to be 15 minutes early for seating.
 - Enhanced Sacrament Ordinance hygiene and distribution practices.
 - Observation of government social gathering requirements.
 - Enhanced Ward building cleaning and disinfecting practices.
 - Those with any illness, coughing, or sneezing should not attend.

The Ward Council will continue to monitor the situation and provide more details as we move forward toward these targets. We are interested in your thoughts and/or questions, and we invite you to contact us to share them.

We are looking forward to beginning the process of meeting together again. We'll continue to adapt and adjust, and we trust that we'll all be understanding with one another as we navigate through these uncharted waters, both individually and together, and try to embrace our new normal. Resuming our meetings will require faith, patience, a dose of creativity and good humor. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of heart in each of you.

We can do this,
Garden Park Ward Bishopric & Ward Council



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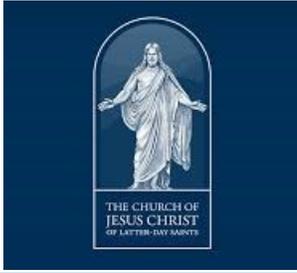
Relief Society



Announcements

- ◆ If anyone is in need of a face mask, please contact Kathy Younker by phone or text (801.971.1504) and she'll drop one off for you.
- ◆ It's not an easy time to be a missionary. Elders Haddock and Kimber cannot leave their apartment unless they are doing service. They can do any kind of outside work and even work inside if they can practice social distancing. If you need any service, or know anyone who does, they would be happy to help! You can reach them at (801) 414-4152.
- ◆ A 2 bedroom apartment will be available in the ward soon. Contact Alli (801.205.9001) or Sean (801.833.6660) for more information.

MASK UPDATE: 2.5 Million Masks have been made! Thank you to all that have participated. Your contribution has made the world a better place!



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Young Women

Please join us for YW Zoom this Sunday at noon! We will have a spiritual thought by Aleena, a musical number by Lois, and Cupcake Sunday celebrating our May and June birthdays (Lois, Estee, Georgia & Nicole)! If you're on the call, we'll bring you a cupcake afterward!

Here's the zoom info:

Topic: YW Garden Park Sunday Meeting

Time: June 14, 2020 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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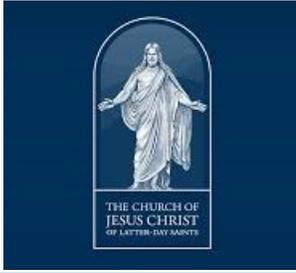
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Hope to see you Sunday!

Love,

GP YW Presidency



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Young Men

In November, a Young Men's theme was introduced (for the first time), which we recite at the beginning of each Quorum Meeting:

I am a beloved son of God, and He has a work for me to do.

With all my heart, might, mind, and strength, I will love God, keep my covenants, and use His priesthood to serve others, beginning in my own home.

As I strive to serve, exercise faith, repent, and improve each day, I will qualify to receive temple blessings and the enduring joy of the gospel.

I will prepare to become a diligent missionary, loyal husband, and loving father by being a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

I will help prepare the world for the Savior's return by inviting all to come unto Christ and receive the blessings of His Atonement.

With love,

Quorum Advisors Jess and Samuel, and Activity Specialists Hunter and Sean

Young Men Zoom Meeting

YM Quorum Meeting taught by Bishop Graham

Sunday, June 14th at 1:00 p.m.

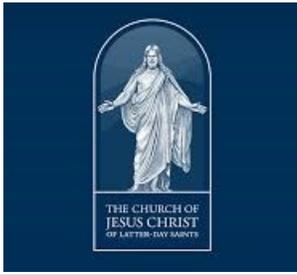
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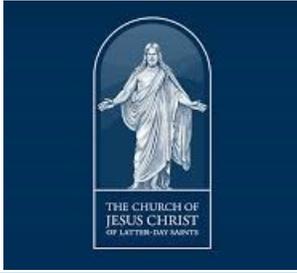
Garden Park Primary Private Facebook Page



We now have a private Facebook page where children, teachers and parents can post and comment and keep us all connected.

If you would like an invitation to this page, please text

Rheim at (801) 259-7835.



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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Relief Society and features Wendy Williams as our presenter.

June 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

["Consider the Goodness and Greatness of God"](#) by Elder Dale G. Renlund

Join Zoom Meeting

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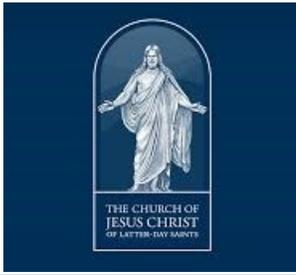
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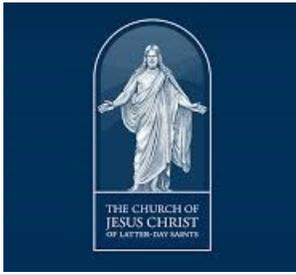
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Ward Announcements

- ◆ We have two newly assigned missionaries, Elder Haddock and Elder Kember who can be reached at (801) 833-8084. Welcome!
- ◆ **Sacrament Administration** from our Area President, Elder Holzapfel: "The sacrament can be offered to families who have not had the opportunity in their homes . . . The First Presidency has authorized the administration of the sacrament at least monthly." The sacrament may still be blessed and passed by your own family members that are able to do so. If you would like the sacrament brought to your home, please contact Relief Society President Kathy Younker (801.971.1504) or Elders' Quorum President Doug Bunker (801.910.7128), and they will help make arrangements for your to receive it.
- ◆ The Bountiful Temple has been reopened for live sealing temple ordinances for those previously endowed, by appointment only. See churchofjesuschrist.org for additional information.
- ◆ Temple recommends continue to be available. Even though temples are currently closed, our Stake Presidency is encouraging all to keep their recommends current. Recommend interviews are being held by phone at this time, both at the ward and stake level. If yours is expired, please contact Mark Hindley at (801) 599-8175 to set up a phone interview with the Bishop.
- ◆ Although Garden Park Ward building is closed for ward activities, we understand that families occasionally use the gym for their family activities of fewer than 10 people. The bathroom under the stage may be used if necessary. Please wipe down all door knobs, and surfaces that you touch with the wipes on the kitchen counter, before and after use. Thank you for keeping each other safe.
- ◆ Reminder for all ministering brothers and sisters to continue weekly contact and prompt reporting to Relief Society President, Kathy Younker and Elders Quorum President, Doug Bunker.
- ◆ There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.



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★ Happy Birthday ★

June 4—Sean Hair

June 4—Christopher Hardy

June 4—Joe Narus

June 5—Brent Wilson

June 8—Jean Robbins

June 8—Sam Wilson

June 9—Georgia Hindley

June 10—Elliott Lund

June 11—Madeline Boyer

June 11—Nicole Peterson

June 14—Mary Hale

June 14—Page Juliano

June 14—Ida Paul

June 14—Joan Smith

June 15—Bonnie Wilson

June 16—Charity Johnson

June 17—Jo Ann Narus

June 18—Reyn Paul

June 19—Leonard Burningham

June 22—Tracy Rabdau

June 24—Sophie Anderson

June 24—Natalie Stewart

June 26—Janie Hokett

June 26—Adam Marty

June 27—Howard Evans

June 27—Carrie Jensen

June 27—Dayle White

June 29—Tyler Case

June 29—Amanda Dixon

June 29—Lewis Furstenau

June 29—Milliani Hopokingi

June 29—Adam Paul