



# Garden Park Ward Newsletter June 21, 2020



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Brothers and Sisters:

This past week I have had the opportunity to be in Lake Powell with my family, a place I hold dear in my heart. As I've pondered why I have tender feelings about this lake it is clear that the memories I hold from my younger years are full of laughs and joy with my parents, siblings, cousins, and friends. Not to mention the beautiful landscape of water that has filled hundreds of canyons comprised of giant cliffs of red rock and desert sand. Perhaps more influencing has been the spirit that has testified to me of our creator in the quiet still times of lake life. As Alma taught we can see God in the world around us and know that He is (Alma 30:44). In light of Fathers Day I'm so grateful for my awesome Dad who has dedicated his life to his family and continues to do so. Without him, his example, and his hard work I wouldn't have experiences like these that have made me who I am.

We took a boat ride over to a popular location, a sand hill that is fun to hike then after nearly dying of heat jumping into the refreshing water. As we made our way over there I had been thinking about how I would anchor the boat so it would stay put as we hiked the sand hill. The last thing I wanted was for our mode of transportation to float away and my family to be stranded on the hot sandy shores.

Gratefully we were able to anchor the boat properly and when we came back it was right where we anchored it.

In President Nelson's April message Hear Him he asks "What does it mean for you that the gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored to the earth?" He then gives this response, "It means that you and your family can be sealed together forever! It means that because you have been baptized by one who has authority from Jesus Christ and have been confirmed a member of His Church, you can enjoy the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost. He will guide and protect you. It means you will never be left comfortless or without access to the power of God to help you. It means that priesthood power can bless you as you receive essential ordinances and make covenants with God and keep them. What an anchor to our souls are these truths, especially during these times when the tempest is raging."

What amazing blessings, comfort, and happiness the restored gospel brings in our life! I think we can all feel the tempest raging around us but these blessings and the restored gospel of Jesus Christ will keep us anchored, immovable.

I challenge all of us to read, reread the prophets message and live by its teachings.

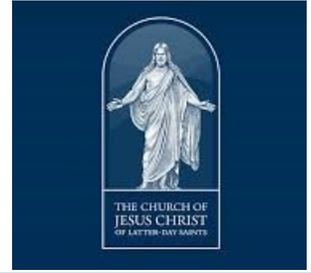
Happy Father's Day to all the amazing fathers in the Garden Park Ward.

Your efforts do not go unnoticed. We must continue to fight for righteousness and care for our families and those around us.

Your friend brother Chris Furstenau



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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.

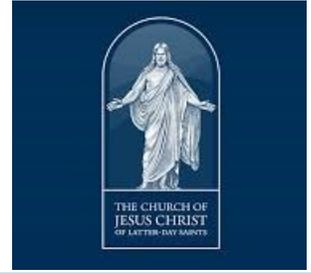
The Ward Council will continue to monitor the situation and provide more details as we move forward toward these targets. We are interested in your thoughts and/or questions, and we invite you to contact us to share them.

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

I was thrilled that the new Young Men's theme included family and parenting! I think that 'serving to be a loyal husband and loving father by being a disciple of Jesus Christ' is right on the mark. Fathering is an important life skill that requires preparation and premeditation. There is no other opportunity to love and lead quite like it.

The impact my own father had on my life was profound. He taught us that we "were no better than anybody else" with such intensity that I was afraid to vote for myself in a Junior High School election. (I lost by one vote and realized that may not have been what he meant.)

My father knew and loved his Heavenly Father (which is perhaps why he wanted to make sure that we respected all of His children) Dad spoke with such reverence and sincerity in his prayers that there was no doubt in my mind that he knew who he was talking to. I stayed overnight with my dad in his later years. I could overhear him 'conversing' in prayer in the other room for a good half hour. I wanted to know the Lord and pray like that.

My dad was always worthy and willing to give us father's blessings. Once when Norm's dad was unavailable, he blessed Norm to marry me! It was just the nudge Norm needed to get to the alter. We eloped to the temple the next day. My father could not have given me a greater blessing!

My husband, Norm, was meant to be a father. Besides being a good provider and great tickle monster, he was a gifted gospel teacher. I am so grateful that Norm read and expounded the scriptures to our children. I believe those messages sunk in deep and do (or will) bless their lives mostly because they were delivered with love and conviction.

When he was the father of the ward, Norm mentioned how the mantle enabled him to love the ward members more deeply and how quick the Lord was to forgive. I have seen, felt and benefited from that love from many of our bishops including our recent and present Bishops Taylor and Graham.

I am particularly grateful for my Heavenly Father and cannot imagine the frustration I would feel if I didn't believe. The primary song says it best for me:

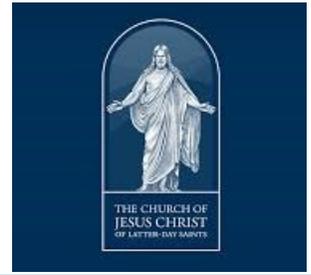
"I thank Thee Dear Father in heaven above for Thy goodness and mercy, Thy kindness and love.  
I thank Thee for home, friends and parents so dear.  
And for every blessing that I enjoy here!"

I want to give a shoutout to all of our fathers for accepting their sacred responsibility. Thanks for sharing your love and skills with your children and all of us!

Happy Father's Day with love from the Relief Society!



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## Relief Society *(continued)*

### Garden Park Ward Family Video

Thanks again for sharing your smiling faces with us and heartfelt thanks to Jenny Hobbs for creating a beautiful Garden Park Ward Family Video.

Click on the link below to view the video:

<https://youtu.be/48rAwgJqz9w>

For anyone who hasn't been able share yet, we're happy to continue collecting your photos for the next round!

## Primary



Garden Park Primary Private Facebook Page



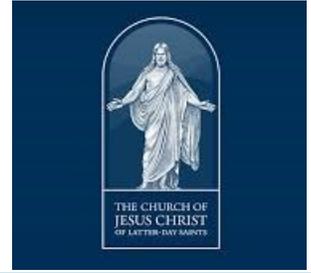
We now have a private Facebook page where children, teachers and parents can post and comment and keep us all connected.

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 Sunday School and features Doran Taylor as our presenter.

**June 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Alma 13-16**

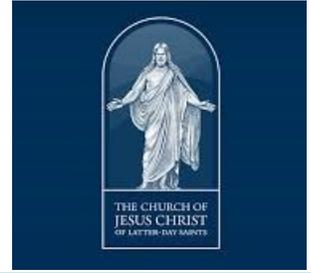
["Enter into the Rest of the Lord"](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98319278898?pwd=MW1xTW5VZFFFN1QxcHNLTE1DcU56dz09>



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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 you to receive it.
- ◆ The Bountiful Temple has been reopened for live sealing temple ordinances for those previously endowed, by appointment only. See [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://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](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.



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## ★ Happy Birthday ★

June 4—Sean Hair	June 17—Jo Ann Narus
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June 4—Joe Narus	June 19—Leonard Burningham
June 5—Brent Wilson	June 22—Tracy Rabdau
June 8—Jean Robbins	June 24—Sophie Anderson
June 8—Sam Wilson	June 24—Natalie Stewart
June 9—Georgia Hindley	June 26—Janie Hokett
June 10—Elliott Lund	June 26—Adam Marty
June 11—Madeline Boyer	June 27—Howard Evans
June 11—Nicole Peterson	June 27—Carrie Jensen
June 14—Mary Hale	June 27—Dayle White
June 14—Page Juliano	June 29—Tyler Case
June 14—Ida Paul	June 29—Amanda Dixon
June 14—Joan Smith	June 29—Lewis Furstenau
June 15—Bonnie Wilson	June 29—Milliani Hopokingi
June 16—Charity Johnson	June 29—Adam Paul