

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter



August 30, 2020

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I felt impressed by an article I read this week by Boyd Matheson, opinion editor for the Deseret News. He stated that many politicians are saying that this election is a battle for the heart and soul of America. Matheson states that their claims could not be further from the truth. Further he states that as important as each election is, the heart and soul of America can only be found in the heart and soul of the American people. I experienced a slice of that heart and soul this morning.

Sometimes I am quite mechanical, but not today. My story starts three days ago when I found that I needed to take a quick trip to eastern Idaho. Tasks accomplished, before heading for home, I pressed my windshield fluid button to clear the gunk from the trip up, but no washer fluid appeared. No problem, I thought, I can refill the wiper fluid when I stop for gas.

While gassing up at Walmart in Rexburg, Idaho, I noticed a young man thoroughly cleaning each pump station. I headed into the mini mart, hoping they stocked wiper fluid. Gratefully they did and I returned to my car and popped the hood. Standing at the front of my car, I snapped open the nearest yellow receptacle seal and poured in about two cups of wiper fluid. Instantly, I realized that I had opened the wrong yellow seal. My coolant receptacle now contained windshield wiper fluid. As many of you may know, wiper fluid, though mostly water, contains chemicals that can severely damage a car's engine, especially when travelling at highway speeds. Apparently, it can turn into a sticky gel, preventing the oil from doing its job of lubrication. I did not have any of the proper tools handy to flush the coolant receptacle before proceeding. Luckily for me, that young man was still cleaning the pump stations. I asked him if he had a hose that I might use. He did not. After hearing of my blunder, he said that he had a bucket and a siphon pump that might do the trick. As mechanical as I am, I did not know what a siphon pump was.

For the next thirty minutes, the young man, Blake Mortensen, a farmer in his other day job, made sure a complete stranger, me, got what I needed. He cleaned out the pump before using it on my car. He sucked out all of the contaminated coolant mixture from the receptacle. He flushed it with clean water and siphoned it back out. He repeated the procedure until the water ran clear. I asked him if I could buy him lunch or do something to thank him. He said no, I am just doing my job. How grateful I am that he did not care that I did not know a siphon pump from a turkey baster, or that I was from another state, or think of me as just another annoying tourist, and that he took the time to help me on my way, when he had other things to do.

Blake's kindness to me, a total stranger, was not his job. He made a choice to offer his help. His kindness reminded me of Christ's supernal gift of kindness to each of us, to "set at liberty those who are bruised" (Luke 4:18), for are we all not bruised in one way or another? And it reminded me that what makes our nation extraordinary, is not our policy differences or similarities, but the heart and soul, the kindness of the American people, one person at a time.

God bless each of you,  
Bishop Graham

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## Relief Society

Dear Sisters,

We hope you are doing well and staying safe. This week has been full of changes for many of us that have been trying to adjust to the new way school will be implemented. Schools are providing laptops to their students to make this process a little easier. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact any of us.

We would like to ask you to check on your ministering sisters. Many sisters are feeling very lonely because of the pandemic, especially some of our older sisters. This pandemic has been hard on our families, our souls, and our mental state. For me, I almost lost my 70 year old dad due to Covid. He is doing better, and I want to thank you for your prayers.

We are also getting close to an election this November 2020. Part of our civic duty is to learn about the candidates, their beliefs, and their policies and ponder about them. We have been taught in Helaman 10:2-4 that pondering invites revelation. President Henry B. Eyring taught, "When we ponder, we invite revelation by the spirit. Pondering, to me, is the thinking and the praying I do after reading and studying in the scriptures carefully". This is great advice from President Eyring. We can use this advice in all aspects of our life.

I am a follower of Jesus Christ, and I am really trying to be more like Him. This sometimes can be challenging because of personal biases and personal challenges. Sometimes I am not on the same page as others, I get my feelings hurt, or I have moments in which I don't feel empathy towards others. I have come to understand that these are the challenges I need to overcome and that is why I need to follow Jesus's path. Jesus is so selfless and puts the needs of the voiceless ahead of his own, and that is a great lesson for me. He treated women, slaves, and children as his equal in a time where they were treated as property. I have been asking myself this question and I leave you with the same: If Jesus was here, what would he do today?

Abrazos,

Jenny Hobbs  
Relief Society 2nd Counselor

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## Young Men

Reminder to continue working in your individual Personal Development Guide Book, which contains the following topics:

1. You Have a Purpose
2. You Are a Precious Child of God
3. You Can Follow the Savior
4. A Pattern for Growth by:
  - Discover what you need to work on.
  - Plan how you will do it.
  - Act on your plan in faith.
  - Reflect on what you have learned.
  - Consider creating goals in each of the four areas to keep your life balanced.
    - Spiritual
    - Social
    - Physical
    - Intellectual

With love,

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

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## Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's Sunday meeting will be presented by our high councilor, Steve Elliott.

**August 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

Come Follow Me: [Helaman 7 - 12](#) *"Remember the Lord"*

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 983 1927 8898

Password: 063893

If you're having challenges connecting to Zoom here's a link to a tutorial to help get connected  
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>.

We miss you and hope to see you on our Zoom meetings!

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## ★Happy Birthday★

August 30—David Rishton

August 31—David Browning

August 31—Gay Carlson

August 31—Clyde Gottfredson

### *September Birthdays*

September 2—Kelly Morgan Watson

September 4—Joan Liong

September 4—Rick Waltman

September 4—Savannah Watson

September 5—Heather Feil

September 5—Gabe Goorman

September 5—Casey Gunnell

September 6—Kai Jensen

September 7—Katie Curtis

September 7—Scarlett Williams

September 8—Anna Christiansen

September 8—Rafael Mena

September 8—Ronald Miller

September 9—Daniel Guertler

September 10—Lisa Paulsen

September 11—Aubree Johnson

September 12—Kristine Orton

September 14—Izzy Vaifo'ou

September 15—Catherine Thorpe

September 16—Gabriel Johnson

September 16—Lynne Van Dam

September 18—Rachel Callister

September 18—Cynthia Levinthal

September 20—Patrick Donohoe

September 20—Jessica Patch

September 20—Missy Taylor

September 21—Preston Curtis

September 22—Grayden Gaykowski

September 25—Rachel Orton

September 27—Tammy Castleforte

September 27—Nicholas Hammond

September 29—Brittany Hailes

September 30—Brandon Bennett

September 30—Natalie Peterson

September 30—Barbara Ralphs

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## Ward Announcements

- ◆ **We need your help taking turns to lock up our grounds!!!!** Please contact Doug Bunker if you might be able to join him on the ward lock-up list. Please call him at 801.910.7128, or email him at [dougbunker9@gmail.com](mailto:dougbunker9@gmail.com).
- ◆ The Bountiful temple is performing live ordinances *by appointment only*. Please refer to the [church website](#) for more details and updates on ongoing changes.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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. When using the ward building for family activities please bring a garbage bag from home and take home with you any trash that you may create, i.e. wrappers, paper towels, etc. We do not want garbage to accumulate while we are not on our normal cleaning routine. 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ There are many great resources available at [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.