

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

December 27, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

I am inspired by the love and kindness of our neighborhood and ward. Last Saturday, I felt your kindness as I witnessed love of family and neighbor when twenty-five or so individuals and groups met, even in the midst of Covid challenges, and the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, to distribute a Christmas gift from our ward to each household in our neighborhood. I subsequently received sweet texts, and phone calls expressing how much it meant to folks.

In addition, during the past couple of weeks, many of you have shared your testimonies of Christ and the Gospel when we met together for tithing settlement.

When much in our world is in chaos and dissent, I am grateful for your goodness, for your love of God and one another, and for your commitment to caring for one another.

In John 3:16, we read, "for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life." How blessed we are when we become His hands on earth. May God bless each of you as you continue to serve and love one another. You truly inspire and bless my life.

The Garden Park Ward Bishopric expresses our gratitude for each of you, and sends our love, hope, and prayers, for a wonderful and healthy new year.

Blessings,

Bishop Rick Graham and the Garden Park Ward Bishopric

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Sunday Service Announcement—December 27th

The health and safety of our most vulnerable ward members continues to be our top priority. We continue to make periodic adjustments to procedures in response to changing conditions and guidance from church and government leaders. Most recently, we moved to broadcasting church services from the chapel, with the vast majority of ward members participating from home via zoom. The feedback we received has been largely positive, with most participants enjoying the opportunity to worship with all family members in the safety and comfort of their homes.

We have received instruction from stake leadership to provide the option to attend in person for those who wish. In response, those wishing to attend church in the chapel are invited to do so. We will continue to broadcast Sacrament meeting via zoom. Given the very high coronavirus transmission rate, we anticipate that the vast majority of us will elect to continue participating via zoom for now, but anyone wishing to attend in person will be most welcome.

So we can plan accordingly, if you would like to attend Sacrament meeting in the chapel, please let a member of the bishopric know by call or text. Those attending will need to observe infection control measures including—social distancing, wearing face masks, using hand hygiene, staying home while ill.

Whether you join by zoom or in person, we look forward to worshipping with you.

Bishop Graham, 801.514.7994
Randy Peterson, 781.720.9108
Chris Furstenu, 801.330.1968
Mark Hindley, 801.599.8175

[Click here to join December 27th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Sunday Service Program—December 27th

GARDEN PARK WARD

-Sacrament Meeting Program-
THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

December 27, 2020, 10am

Conducting..... Chris Furstenuau
Organist..... Lois Waltman
Opening Hymn (organ only)..... *Away in a Manger, No. 206*
InvocationTBA
Ward Business Brother Furstenuau
Speaker Aidan Sproul
"I Need Thee Every Hour" Aleena & Ellie Anderson
accompanied by Lois Waltman
Speaker Jack Hindley
Closing Hymn (organ only) *Joy to the World, No. 201*
Benediction.....TBA

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn(organ only) God Loved Us, So He Sent His Son, No. 187

Administration of the Sacrament

*I pray as we celebrate the birth of our Savior that we not only feel of His love,
compassion, and peace but that we share those blessings with others.*

*As I ponder the gift of the Lamb of God, the babe swaddled
and laid in a manger, I echo [these] words...*

He is "the biggest wonder of anything we ever got [or will ever get] on Christmas."

-- Sister Becky Craven, A Swaddle and a Heavenly Hug, Christmas Devotional, 2020

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Elders Quorum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Please reach out to your ministering families and anyone else you feel moved to - even better, let us know how you and they are doing
- ◆ **CORRECTION:** Welfare Square assignment on December 29, 2020 **9am-1pm** at the bakery. Six volunteers needed. Please let me know if you can attend. Call/text Doug at 801-910-7128.

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Young Women

Young Women Sunday Meeting

Young Women Sunday Zoom meeting **tomorrow at 12:30**. Nicole will give our spiritual thought -- Zoom info to come!

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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Elders Quorum and features Emilio Nicoli as our presenter.

December 27, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

['Hearts Knit in Righteousness and Unity'](#) by Elder Quentin L. Cook

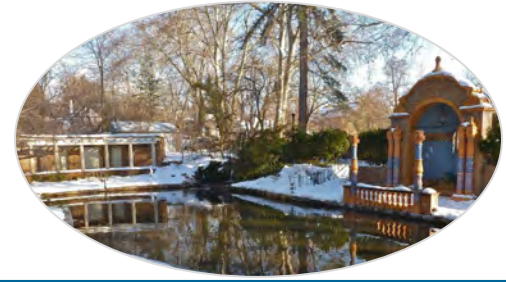
Garden Park Ward is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

[Click here to join December 27th Ward Zoom Meeting](#)

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>.

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Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

December 27- Amy Coady
December 27–Aaron Cummings
December 28–David Hopkins
December 28–Emily Marchant
December 29–Paul Richardson
December 29–Gerald Walsh
December 30–Maddie Waltman
December 31–David Chipman
December 31–Sally Epperson

JANUARY

January 2 - William Maddox
January 2–Stephen Van
January 3–Samuel Johnson
January 5–Emily Lund
January 6–Synthia Donohoe
January 6–Maggie Merchant
January 6–Ashley Perry
January 8–Allison Drinkwater Johnson
January 8 - Virginia Menlove
January 9–Evangeline Johnson
January 9–Judianne Peterson
January 11–David Crook
January 11–Daysha Moore
January 11–James Rabdau
January 11–Theodore Sproul
January 12 -Brock Miskin

January 13–Marcy Mcdonald
January 13–Casey Moore
January 15–Andrea Miller
January 15–Marty Patch
January 16–Milo Hobbs
January 16–Ashley Spatafore
January 17- Ronald Christensen
January 18–Kris Hale
January 18–Carly Huchendorf
January 18–Abe Shaw
January 18–Richard Young
January 19–Camila Binks
January 20- Mary Ann Call
January 21–Kim Beglarian
January 21–Brady Pulsipher
January 22–Eva Harrison
January 22–Terry Long
January 23–Jared Hobbs
January 23–Sophie Jensen
January 25–Maxwell Musgrove
January 25–Terri Winkler
January 26–Tiffany Rasmuson
January 28–Shelley Young
January 29–Jil Goorman
January 29–John Helm
January 29–Ruby Williamson
January 31–Henry Cummings
January 31–Clyde White

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Ward Announcements

2021 Come Follow Me Manuals The distribution of "Come, Follow Me" manuals for 2021 is underway. If you haven't received a manual and would like one please contact Ralph Robbins by text or phone, 801-664-6700.

Tithing Settlement Thank you to everyone who attended tithing settlement. I enjoyed visiting with you and your families. We have completed our scheduled tithing settlements. If you would still like to meet with me for tithing settlement, please call Mark Hindley for an appointment. (801.599.8175).

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. In addition, for years the Stake Presidency followed a practice of first come first serve for temple recommend interviews on Sunday afternoons. They have eliminated that practice during the pandemic. The current procedure, which is in effect until further notice, is for the member to contact either President Parker or President Patch and directly schedule a renewal interview. They should contact them via cell phone, by sending a text message. (Their numbers are in LDS Tools.)

There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.