

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

December 26, 2021



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the years as I have visited with the families that I minister to there have been learning experiences that I have adopted into my own life. One such experience was a visit that I shared with the Baker family. It was a visit in or near December and the Christmas spirit was upon us. As we relayed a message regarding the Savior Randy explained to me that every Christmas season he would read the book Jesus the Christ by James E. Talmage. After learning of this practice I decided to follow suit and now enjoy reading chapters 6,7, and 8 during the Christmas season. I've yet to read the whole book in December but I find that by reading those chapters I am reminded of the miracle of the birth of Jesus Christ and his role as our Savior and Redeemer.

The miracle of the virgin Mary and her role as the mother of the Babe of Bethlehem. The miracle of the only begotten of Father in Heaven in the flesh. The miracle of the fulfilled prophecies that the Savior would be of the lineage of David and born in Bethlehem. The miracle that He would save all people from their sins. What a momentous and eye opening experience for those involved and those who believed!

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19) Like Mary, it is my hope and invitation to ponder these things in our hearts. As Talmage wrote, "'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" (Luke 2:14) Tidings of such import had never before been delivered by angel or received by man."

We wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that you and your family find peace in your lives this holiday season.

Chris Furstenau and the Garden Park Bishopric

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First Presidency Message on Covid-19



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Official Church Announcements



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We find ourselves fighting a war against the ravages of COVID-19 and its variants, an unrelenting pandemic. We want to do all we can to limit the spread of these viruses. We know that protection from the diseases they cause can only be achieved by immunizing a very high percentage of the population.

To limit exposure to these viruses, we urge the use of face masks in public meetings whenever social distancing is not possible. To provide personal protection from such severe infections, we urge individuals to be vaccinated. Available vaccines have proven to be both safe and effective.

We can win this war if everyone will follow the wise and thoughtful recommendations of medical experts and government leaders. Please know of our sincere love and great concern for all of God's children.

The First Presidency
Russell M. Nelson
Dallin H. Oaks
Henry B. Eyring

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Sacrament Meeting Program—December 26th

GARDEN PARK WARD

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

December 26, 2021, 10am

Conducting..... Randy Peterson
Pianist Lois Waltman
Chorister Roger Thompson
Opening Hymn..... *With Wondering Awe, No. 210*
Invocation Jess Anderson
Ward Business Brother Peterson
Sacrament Hymn *God Loved Us, So He Sent His Son, No. 187*

Administration of the Sacrament

Speaker Estee Furstenuau
Intermediate Hymn..... *The First Noel, No. 213*
Speaker Brent Wilson
Closing Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High, No. 203*
Benediction Sophie Anderson

Zoom broadcast is concluded

"As Nephi looked upon the city of Nazareth and the righteous mother Mary, holding the infant Jesus in her arms, the angel declared, 'Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father!'"
— Susan H. Porter, *God's Love: The Most Joyous to the Soul*,
October 2021 General Conference

[Click here to join zoom December 26th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society Message

A big thank you to Dianne Orcutt for enabling us to contribute to the food security of school children! Thanks to all who donated! I was thrilled to see the VA bin full as well! I love this ward!

Dianne forwarded this email sent to her. It captures the joy of giving as we celebrate our greatest gift, Jesus Christ.

Happy Holidays!

Love,
Kathy

From: D Orcutt

Hello everyone,

Final numbers are in, and this year we distributed a total of 3852 holiday bags! They went to 38 schools across the valley.

Numerous schools have responded with their thanks and asked that we pass their gratitude on to you. The challenges these kids face really create character, grit and kindness in them as they grow up. As one Principal said: "We can all learn so much from these kids".

One teacher reported back the following: "Yesterday every student at our school received a bag of food... Today, one child was so excited to tell me he brought me a gift. While one child handed me chocolates, and another a gift bag, he handed me a roll of Ritz crackers and a dessert treat from a hostess box. When I realized it was from food that he may need over the break. I didn't want to take it. But I also didn't want to deny the one gift that child could have given me. I asked do you really want me to have it, and he said yes. I took it. I was touched but heartbroken at the same time. When a child gives you something, it really is from the bottom of their heart"

Not only did we provide for these kids this season, but we gave them the ability to pay it forward, and to give a small gift to someone they love.

Here is an article that KSL ran on our project while we were distributing at one school

<https://www.ksl.com/article/50313227/utah-companies-provide-food-to-make-sure-students-have-enough-to-eat-over-holiday-break>

Thank you ALL for your generosity in supporting these kids in our community, for your support of our programs, and for your big, kind wonderful hearts. We are truly blessed to know such amazing people in our community!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to each of you and your families,

Lots of love from the Kids Eat/Usana Foundation team!

Michelle Benedict

Director of USANA Kids Eat

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Happy Birthday!

December 25–Lark Galli

December 27–Aaron Cummings

December 28–David Hopkins

December 28–Emily Merchant

December 29–Paul Richardson

January Birthdays

January 2–William Maddox

January 2–Stephen Van

January 3–Samuel Johnson

January 6–Synthia Donohoe

January 6–Margaret 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–Theo 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 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 28–Shelley Young

January 29–Jill Goorman

January 29– John Helm

January 29–Ruby Williamson

January 31–Henry Cummings

January 31–Clyde White

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Ward Announcements

Temporary Modifications to Temple Operations

"As cases of COVID-19 increase in many areas, we want to do everything possible to allow temples to remain open. Therefore, effective immediately, all temple patrons and workers are asked to wear face masks at all times while in the temple. These safety protocols are temporary, based on COVID-19 conditions, and will be rescinded as soon as circumstances permit."

Please click [THIS LINK](#) to read the full message from the First Presidency.

Sacrament Meeting Reminders

Beginning **Sunday, November 7th** the weekly Sacrament Meeting program will resume the administration of the sacrament at its traditional time and place in the program. The meeting will continue to be Zoomed each week, with a minor modification during the administration of the Sacrament.

We are now singing in Sacrament meeting and Primary. We will continue to social distance, and continue to invite all congregants, including children, meeting indoors to mask if not vaccinated. For those who choose not to mask, we welcome you. For all those who join in the singing, please wear a mask, or please refrain from singing and enjoy listening.

Please visit the grounds often and invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy the peace and beauty of the lighted ward grounds and nativity this holiday season. Lights are on daily from 5:00–10:00 p.m.

December 26th - will be Sacrament Meeting only. 2nd hour meetings will not be held.

Stay up to date with happenings on Temple Square this Christmas season at [TempleSquare.org](https://www.temple-square.org).

Stake FamilySearch Center located in the NW corner of the Monument Park Stake Center is open as of October 4th. Masks are strongly encouraged for all patrons and staff. The Family Search Center hours are:

Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.

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Church Magazines The First Presidency encourages all members to access church magazines either by print or digital delivery. Church magazines help members learn the gospel of Jesus Christ, study the teachings of the living prophets, feel connected to the global Church family, face challenges with faith, and draw closer to God. Subscriptions for print magazines are available [HERE](#) . Magazine content can be accessed digitally for free [HERE](#).

Temple recommends - We encourage all members to keep their recommends current. Ward Recommend Interviews are being held by phone. If your temple recommend is expired, please contact Mark Hindley, Garden Park Ward Executive Secretary (801.599.8175) to set up a phone interview with the Bishop.

Stake Interviews—A member of the Stake Presidency is available each Sunday from 12:30–2:00 p.m. (except on Fast Sundays, Stake Conference and General Conference weekends) at the Stake Center offices. Please center through the doors at the west end of the building. Those who are unable to meet during these times can contact Scott Hagen (801.824.0640) who will help set up an interview with a member of the Stake Presidency.

TEMPLE UPDATE: Temples in Utah are again open for proxy ordinances. Patrons need to schedule in advance on-line through churchofjesuschrist.org/temples. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own temple clothing, although Temple clothing is available. We are so blessed to again have Temples open around us; some may have appointments available same day, while others may require more advance planning, but the websites, like the Temples, are patron friendly. The Bountiful Temple can be reached directly at (801) 296-2100 for operating hours and to make appointments.