

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

February 14, 2021



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Dear Garden Park Ward,

When I was nine years old, my family lived an hour outside of Chicago and my dad worked downtown. One day, while in the city, my dad came across an amazing Lego exhibit he thought I'd like. He called my mom and they agreed she would put me on the train to the city and he'd meet me at Union Station. We had to hurry to catch the train, so my mom and I jumped into the station wagon with my brother Quinn, who was just a few months old. Off we raced to the station.

Sure enough, my mom's excessive speed caught the attention of a police officer, who quickly pulled us over. My mom's pleas for mercy were to no avail—the officer was determined to make her pay for speeding, not to mention endangering the baby who was unrestrained in the car. "OK," my mom said, "but I've GOT to get this boy on the next train. Can you just follow us to the train station and give me my ticket there?" Reluctantly, the officer agreed and followed us a couple miles to the train station, where he pulled up behind us.

The train was already waiting at the platform. "Officer, I've got to get this boy on the train. Could you just watch my baby for a few minutes?" I remember the officer being visibly annoyed, but my mom just grabbed my hand and ran toward the train, bought me a ticket, and whisked me onto the train. I wanted to sit on the upper level, so we rushed up the stairs and she found me an open seat just as the train lurched forward and started accelerating down the track. In a panic, my mom ran through the car, frantically calling out, "Stop the train!" She found the emergency cable by the door and yanked on it. The train ground to a stop a few hundred yards beyond the station. Mom forced the door open, jumped down onto the tracks, and ran back to the station where the officer was waiting with my baby brother.

I've often wondered what the officer thought when he saw the train leave the station and found himself in custody of a baby whose mother was on the run. I do know that when my mom finally got back to him, he sent her on her way without a ticket. I suspect he realized he was dealing with a woman who was in way over her head. Sometimes, the demands of justice are eclipsed by the need for compassion and mercy. I'm often reminded of the story when I'm in over my head and someone shows me mercy. And I try to remember it when someone in my sphere falls spectacularly short of expectations. President Uchtdorf has said, "Because we all depend on the mercy of God, how can we deny to others any measure of the grace we so desperately desire for ourselves?.... Remember: in the end, it is the merciful who obtain mercy."

Wishing you all a week full of happiness and mercy!

Warmly,  
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric

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## Sunday Service Announcement—February 14<sup>th</sup>

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 and staying home when 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 Furstenau, 801.330.1968  
Mark Hindley, 801.599.8175

[Click here to join February 14<sup>th</sup> Sacrament Meeting](#)

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## COVID 19 Vaccine Announcement from Stake Presidency

We want to encourage all of our members and neighbors who qualify to follow the example of the First Presidency and get vaccinated with the COVID 19 vaccines. Currently, this applies to healthcare workers, people over 70 and others who are at greater risk.

Salt Lake County has initiated an effort to provide COVID 19 vaccinations to those over 70 years of age. There is no cost associated with this effort. All available appointments are currently filled, but there is a waiting list. We would encourage all to sign up (see below). The vaccines for those over 70 are being given at the Expo Center at 9575 So State Street in Sandy. (You may wish to offer transportation or sign-up help.)

To get your name on the waiting list for vaccination you have 2 choices:

1. REGISTER BY PHONE: You can get on the list by calling (385) 468-4636. (Be prepared to hold for a few minutes.) You do not have to personally make this call, a family member or friend can help. When an appointment becomes available you will be contacted.
2. REGISTER ON LINE: You can get on the list by clicking on the following link: <http://slco.org/health/COVID-19/vaccine/waitlist/> This will take you to a web site where you simply enter your information. As with telephone registration, a family member or friend can help.

Using either method, you will be asked for your name, email and a phone number. You will be asked if the phone number can accept texts (but this is not a requirement to be on the list).

Hopefully, this will help those struggling to get vaccinated. As more information becomes available, we will try to let you know.

Thanks for all you do to bless the lives of our brothers and sisters.

Salt Lake Bonneville Stake Presidency

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### Sunday Service Program—February 14<sup>th</sup>

# GARDEN PARK WARD

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

February 14, 2021, 10am

Conducting..... Chris Furstenuau  
Organist..... Lois Waltman  
Opening Hymn (organ only)..... *On this Day of Joy and Gladness, No. 64*  
Invocation .....TBA  
Ward Business ..... Brother Furstenuau  
Speaker .....Elder Kelly  
Speaker ..... Elder Nietschmann  
Closing Hymn(organ only) ..... *God Is Love, No. 87*  
Benediction.....TBA

*Zoom broadcast is concluded*

Sacrament Hymn ..... *As Now We Take the Sacrament, No. 169*

*Administration of the Sacrament*

*"[A]re you really seeking revelation from God?  
It's hard to feel the joyous fruits of the Spirit when it seems  
that the heavens are closed (see Galatians 5:22-23).  
But proactively seeking revelation in your daily life is the key to  
opening up the heavens and inviting the Spirit back into your life."*

--Tadeo Murillo

Recovering from Spiritual Numbness, Young Adult message 01/2021

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## Relief Society

Romans 8:38 & 39 is one of my favorite statements of God's love.

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Likewise, neither can a pandemic, earthquake, windstorm, or political strife separate us from the love of Christ or from each other!

We are holding you in our hearts!

Happy Valentines Day!

Love,  
Kathy and the Relief Society Presidency

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## Elders Quorum

"Everyone of us is more beloved to the Lord than we can possibly understand or imagine. Let us therefore be kinder to one another and kinder toward ourselves. Let us remember that as we wait upon the Lord, we are becoming saint[s] through [His] atonement,... submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon [us], even as a child doth submit to his father."

Robert D. Hales, Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "Waiting Upon the Lord: Thy Will Be Done," General Conference, October 2011

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have welfare assignments coming up. Please let Doug Bunker know if you can help out (801-910-7128).

Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> (4 people needed)  
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Desert Manufacturing (Wood / Paint)  
1680 S Industrial Rd (1920 West)

Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> (4 people needed)  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Welfare Square Cannery (Applesauce)  
700 South 751 West

Welfare Square has shared the following guidelines for serving in 2021:

Please **Do**:

- Wear mask to and during scheduled shift.
- Wear close-toed shoes.
- Wear long pants. (No shorts or capris)
- Be sixteen years or older to serve. There is no age cap.
- Sign in and out when serving.

Please **Don't**:

- Wear jewelry, watches, rings or bracelets.
- Wear earbuds.
- Wear hearing aids.
- Volunteer if you are sick, have been sick or within close proximity to someone who has been sick within the past fourteen days.

Thank you all for stepping up for ward lockup. It has been such a blessing and a relief.  
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Primary



**Primary is Back!**



We are excited to begin Primary again on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at 12:30 via Zoom! We will start with opening exercises and music and then do a break out to Junior and Senior Primary lessons. This will begin **February 21st** at 12:30 pm and we so look forward to seeing all of the sweet Primary children!!

Garden Park Primary Zoom Meeting  
1st and 3rd Sundays of every month  
12:30 pm

<https://utah-health.zoom.us/j/98363898058?pwd=VzlodjZNNXI4b1RaU2dCcXV3RTNndz09>

Meeting ID: 983 6389 8058  
Passcode: 661972

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## Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's Zoom meeting is sponsored by our Relief Society and features Carrie Jensen as our presenter.

**February 14, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.**

[Peace, Be Still](#) by Lisa L. Harkness, First Counselor in the Primary General Presidency

[Click here to join the February 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

February 2- Paige Jones  
February 3-Antonita Castleforte  
February 3-Branon Phillips  
February 4-Tanner Curtis  
February 6-Doug Bunker  
February 7-Ray White  
February 9-Mary Abildskov  
February 10-Tanner Barry  
February 10-Anne Marie Olson  
February 10-Elsa Paul  
February 10-Susan Schooley

February 11-Bryce Orton  
February 12-Diane Etherington  
February 16-Adam Fifield  
February 16-Rosamund Patch  
February 18-Joshua Blackwelder  
February 18-Clinton Gaudie  
February 20-Luca Harrison  
February 20-Doran Taylor  
February 26-Greg Robison  
February 27-Seliano Vaifo'ou  
February 29- John Folker

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## Ward Announcements

**2021 Youth Music Festival** Youth from around the world are invited to watch this virtual global concert on March 17th at 6:00 p.m. MT. Messages, music & performances are focused on the 2021 youth theme, "A Great Work". The pre-recorded concert can be viewed on [Strive to Be YouTube channel](#) or the [Church's Live Broadcasts page](#).

**From the GP Ward music committee** Please reach out to Roger Thompson at (385) 226-3317 if you or your loved ones would like to share a musical number for Sacrament meeting. Currently we are recording the music beforehand and then playing the recording over zoom.

**Seminary Registration** Parents of entering 9th grade students and youth—please enroll in seminary when you register for school next year!

**Ward Conference** Bonneville Stake Presidency has scheduled our annual Ward Conference for Sunday, February 28, 2021. Updates and more details to follow.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.