

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter



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Brothers and Sisters,

As you know this year we will be studying the Doctrine and Covenants, covenants and commandments given in this dispensation. One verse that has stuck out to me is found in D&C 1:24 it reads, "Behold, I am God and have spoken it; these commandments are of me, and were given unto my servants in their weakness, after the manner of their language, that they might come to understanding." At times it is a good reminder that our leaders past, and present, are imperfect and have weaknesses. Mistakes have been made in the early church beginnings and current leaders at times will make mistakes or say the wrong things. The beautiful thing is that even though mistakes have been made in the past and will be made in the future God and His Son Jesus Christ continue to lead us. The other thing I love about this scripture is God communicates to us in our own language so we can understand promptings, revelation, and the knowledge that he will give us as we seek. This always reminds me of the many different people, languages, cultures, and time that the Lord has spoken to through the ages. The phrase "come to understanding" leads me to believe it will sometimes take effort to understand what the Lord is trying to teach us. All of this is for our own good and happiness. I'm grateful for the gospel of Jesus Christ! I'm grateful that God knows of my weakness and I can be forgiven of my mistakes and follies. As we begin 2021 may we remember that we are not perfect and in a very real sense imperfection will lead us to our eventual perfection through humility and Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Chris Furstenau and the Garden Park Bishopric

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## Sunday Service Announcement—January 10<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, 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 January 10<sup>th</sup> Sacrament Meeting](#)

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**Sunday Service Program—January 10<sup>th</sup>**

## GARDEN PARK WARD

*-Sacrament Meeting Program-*

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

*January 10, 2021, 10am*

*Conducting..... Chris Furstenau*

*Organist..... Lois Waltman*

*Opening Hymn (organ only)..... Be Still, My Soul, No. 124*

*Invocation .....TBA*

*Ward Business ..... Brother Furstenau*

*Speaker ..... Karli Gillette*

*Recorded Musical Number..... Lord, I Would Follow Thee*

*Roger Thompson, Rick Gaykowski, Bel Kerig, Judianne Peterson*

*Accompanied by Lois Waltman, piano*

*Speaker ..... Ian Gillette*

*Closing Hymn (organ only) ..... Love One Another, No. 308*

*Benediction.....TBA*

*Zoom broadcast is concluded*

*Sacrament Hymn(organ only) .....In Humility, Our Savior, No. 172*

*Administration of the Sacrament*

*"Wherefore, be not weary in well-doing,  
for ye are laying the foundation of a great work.  
And out of small things proceedeth that which is great.  
Behold, the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind."  
--Doctrine and Covenants 64:33-34*

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## Relief Society

Dear Sisters,

We made it to 2021! I love the beginning of the year because it makes me feel hopeful for the future and the new adventures that every year brings. We need to make every moment count because tomorrow is not promised.

Thanks to the pandemic, being closer to our sisters has become a challenge. I have felt how many relationships have cooled off because of the lack of contact. Well, this year I am challenging all of you to find alternative ways to build relationships with your ministering sisters.

A few weeks ago, my wonderful friend Jill Hennessey FaceTimed to check on me and show me her beautiful Christmas tree. I am Jill's ministering sister and she calls me to check on me. How amazing is that! Jill and I are from two different generations and backgrounds, nevertheless we have a cultivated a real friendship. We are not just church friends; we are friends.

We understand that sometimes personalities can clash and we might not get along with a person we are assigned to minister. If you find yourself in a situation like this, feel free to contact us and we can help you with that.

Dear sisters, we really need you to be more engaging with your ministering sisters as well as sending back your reports to us. Our Relief Society has created a website that will allow you to submit your ministering quarterly should you choose to. The option of calling and texting your ministering coordinator will also remain an option. Our ward is very special because we take care of each other. Let us always remember that we are sisters in Zion.

This is the link to report your ministering to us. The form is safe and confidential. This is just another amazing tool to make this process more efficient. There is also the option to call your visiting teaching coordinators and text them directly. You will be getting an email from your coordinator to remind you of your assigned sisters, as well as checking on any needs that you might have.

<https://forms.gle/kFxQyYvi3u1tGqM18>

Abrazos,

Kathy, Amy, Barbara, and Jenny  
Relief Society Presidency

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### Elders Quorum

Today I have been watching scenes of chaos, disorder and violence in our nation's capitol. I felt anxious, restless, and angry. I couldn't focus on anything else, yet watching things unfold just made me feel worse. I went to my bedroom and prayed for peace, for my soul, and justice and safety for those involved, but then I just went back to watch the news coverage. The feeling of unease persisted. Fortunately, we had an appointment later today to visit with our full time missionaries, Elder Ely and Elder Kelly. Their presence had a calming effect and I felt the peace of the Spirit in the room where we met. It was a welcome respite from the turmoil of the world. Having the missionaries in our home was also a reminder of their divine calling and of the sacredness of their work. I was somewhat reluctantly reminded that the responsibility for missionary work in our ward rests with the Elders Quorum and with the Relief Society, and not with the Bishop. He has enough on his plate. While it is fresh in my mind, I wanted to tell you about the blessings of meeting with the missionaries and of being missionaries. So, my brothers I am making a pitch, of sorts, to think about sharing your love, your joy, and the peace of the Gospel with your friends, neighbors, and family members. Let your light shine for all to see. It need not feel like a burden, just let the pure love of Christ infuse your beings and see how it opens opportunities to bless others. It will also deliver you from the strife that surrounds us. Thank you for the examples you are. We love you.

Garden Park Ward Elders Quorum Presidency

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for your help with locking up the ward grounds. Your response has been reassuring. We still have openings for the weeks of January 17, 24 & 31. Please go to the Sign-Up Genius page to see what is available.
- Please stay in touch with your ministering families. If you aren't sure who your companion is or who your families are, please contact Doug Bunker at 801-910-7128.

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### Young Women

#### **Sunday, January 10th**

Join us for our **Sunday Zoom** meeting tomorrow

Topic: YW Sunday Meeting - Garden Park Ward

Time: Jan 10, 2021 12:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://podium.zoom.us/j/94488487791?pwd=R05Za0lZTU4cGtHTklOcjFCbm1zZz09>

Meeting ID: 944 8848 7791

Passcode: 421644

One tap mobile

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#### **Wednesday, January 13th**

Bonneville Stake Youth Event **this Wednesday, January 13th** -- invitation and zoom info to come!

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### Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Relief Society and features Jessica Patch as our presenter.

**January 10, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.**

['Embrace the Future with Faith'](#) by President Russell M. Nelson

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

[Click here to join the January 10<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!

January 2–William Maddox	January 17- Ronald Christensen
January 2–Stephen Van	January 18–Kris Hale
January 3–Samuel Johnson	January 18–Carly Huchendorf
January 5–Emily Lund	January 18–Abe Shaw
January 6–Synthia Donohoe	January 18–Richard Young
January 6–Maggie Merchant	January 19–Camila Binks
January 6–Ashley Perry	January 20- Mary Ann Call
January 8–Allison Drinkwater Johnson	January 21–Kim Beglarian
January 8 - Virginia Menlove	January 21–Brady Pulsipher
January 9–Evangeline Johnson	January 22–Eva Harrison
January 9–Judianne Peterson	January 22–Terry Long
January 11–David Crook	January 23–Jared Hobbs
January 11–Daysha Moore	January 23–Sophie Jensen
January 11–James Rabdau	January 25–Maxwell Musgrove
January 11–Theo Sproul	January 25–Terri Winkler
January 12 -Brock Miskin	January 26–Tiffany Rasmuson
January 13–Marcy Mcdonald	January 28–Shelley Young
January 13–Casey Moore	January 29–Jil Goorman
January 15–Andrea Miller	January 29–John Helm
January 15–Marty Patch	January 29–Ruby Williamson
January 16–Milo Hobbs	January 31–Henry Cummings
January 16–Ashley Spatafore	January 31–Clyde White

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### Ward Announcements

**Bonneville Stake Youth Activity** Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm. Youth will be contacted by their leaders with more information.

**Upcoming Lecture by Armand Johansen: The Gathering of Israel** Wednesday, January 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Bonneville Stake Center chapel. The lecture will be podcast and posted to the stake website under Relief Society shortly after the live presentation.

**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.

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