

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

January 23, 2022



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Happy New Year!

As I survey the past year, and look to the new one before us, I am again impressed with our Ward Theme of:

"Learn of me, listen to my words, walk in the meekness of my Spirit and you shall have peace in me." (Doctrine and Covenants 19:23).

Perhaps like you, from the year behind us, I feel an opportunity to look back and evaluate my experiences and decide what I would like to repeat, what I would like to build upon, and what I would like to discard.

With the year before us, we have the opportunity to use those evaluations to guide our choices towards greater joy, light, service, and love for those close to our hearts and friends we may not know yet.

May we feel Christ's peace as we continue to learn of him, drink in his words, humble our hearts and give what we can, in living out our choices. And welcome His Gift that makes each new year, each new day, a divine space for us to learn and grow.

We love you and pray for your joyful success as you plan and put your plans into action.

Much love,

Bishop Rick Graham and the Garden Park Ward 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—January 23rd

GARDEN PARK WARD

-Sacrament Meeting Program-
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January 23, 2022, 10am

Conducting..... Chris Furstenuau
PianistSamuel Johnson
Chorister Bonnie Wilson
Opening Hymn..... *Jehovah, Lord of Heaven and Earth, No. 269*
Invocation Catherine Thorpe
Ward Business Brother Furstenuau
Sacrament Hymn *We'll Sing All Hail to Jesus' Name, No. 182*

Administration of the Sacrament

SpeakerElder Peterson
Intermediate Hymn..... *The Lord My Pasture Will Prepare, No. 109*
SpeakerElder Bushman
Closing Hymn*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow, No. 242*
Benediction..... Don Thorpe

Zoom broadcast is concluded

"Nothing invites the Spirit more than fixing your focus on Jesus Christ. Talk of Christ, rejoice in Christ, feast upon the words of Christ, and press forward with steadfastness in Christ. Make your Sabbath a delight as you worship Him, partake of the sacrament, and keep His day holy."
— President Russell M. Nelson, *Make Time for the Lord*, General Conference Oct 2021

[Click here to join zoom January 23rd Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society Message

Happy New Year! As we face a new year in these strange and uncertain times (once again) I want to share this quote with you in hopes that it will bring you the same feelings of hope and peace that it did for me...

"The start of a new year is the traditional time to take stock of our lives and see where we are going, measured against the backdrop of where we have been. I don't want to talk about New Year's resolutions, but I do want to talk about the past and the future, with an eye toward any time of transition and change in our lives--and those moments come virtually every day. You can remember just enough to avoid repeating the mistake, but then put the rest of it all on the dung heap Paul spoke of to the Philippians (3:7-12). Dismiss the destructive, and keep dismissing it until the beauty of the Atonement of Christ has revealed to you your bright future and the bright future of your family, your friends, and your neighbors. God doesn't care nearly as much about where you have been as He does about where you are and, with His help, where you are willing to go. This is an important matter to consider at the start of a new year--and every day ought to be the start of a new year and a new life. Such is the wonder of faith, repentance, and the miracle of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Faith is for the future. Faith builds on the past but never longs to stay there. Faith trusts that God has great things in store for each of us and that Christ truly is the 'high priest of good things to come' (Hebrews 9:11).

Keep your eyes on your dreams, however distant and far away. Live to see the miracles of repentance and forgiveness, of trust and divine love that will transform your life today, tomorrow, and forever. That is a New Year's resolution I ask you to keep."

- Jeffrey R. Holland, "The Best is Yet to Be," BYU devotional given January 13, 2009

Elder Holland notes that "every day ought to be the start of a new year," I just love that. As I "take stock" of my life this morning, I appreciate Elder Holland's encouragement to learn from the past but not dwell on it, allowing the "beauty of the Atonement of Christ" to guide me to the future. I hope you feel inspired to do the same.

As always, dear sisters, we stand ready to help in anything you may need. Please never hesitate to reach out to us.

Love, Amy Furstenau and the Garden Park Relief Society presidency

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2nd Hour Meeting

Our Relief Society and Elders Quorum meetings will continue to be held separately.

Sister Catherine Thorpe will lead the discussion for the Relief Society. Her lesson is drawn from the October 2021 General Conference talk by Elder Sean Douglas titled, "[Facing Our Spiritual Hurricanes by Believing in Christ.](#)"

Here is the link to Elder Douglas' talk: [Facing Our Spiritual Hurricanes by Believing in Christ.](#)

The Elders Quorum will meet in the chapel for their 2nd hour discussion.

Please note, zoom links have **not** been planned for these meetings. If you'd like one set up to attend remotely, please contact Kathy Younker or Jeff Merchant who can assist with making that arrangement.

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Happy Birthday!

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.

Juliet Chapman has a few items that she is offering to redistribute to a someone who may need a very nice wheelchair, walker (2) and/or a Thera Cane. All items are in very good condition and could be very useful for a senior or elderly person with mobility issues. Please contact Juliet directly at journeywelljpc@gmail.com for additional information if you have a neighbor, friend or relative in need.

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.
Tuesday & Wednesday: 7:00–9:00 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.