

Garden Park Ward Newsletter



January 24, 2021

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Dear Garden Park Ward,

Of all the things my family has missed during the pandemic, one of the most significant has been the chance to participate in SNAP, the Special Needs Activity Program run by our stake. Pre-pandemic, we spent every Thursday evening with thirty or so special needs adults from across Salt Lake. We have come to love and enjoy the company of these remarkable individuals, and we've made wonderful memories with them creating artwork, cooking meals, launching musical productions, dancing at Valentine's balls, doing science experiments, racing potato cars, doing yoga, etc. And the evening always ends with gelato at Dolcetti!

Our lives have unquestionably been enriched through our participation in SNAP, but it hasn't come without some awkward moments. We've had to occasionally look past offensive comments, tantrums, poor hygiene, drama, and sour moods. And it has been remarkably easy to look past those shortcomings by remembering that these are unique children of our Heavenly Father, doing their best to navigate a challenging world with the limited gifts and knowledge they have.

SNAP has changed me by helping me understand that almost everyone is broken in some way. For some reason, it's harder to look past the shortcomings of my co-workers and family than of my SNAP friends, but why should it be? Everyone is a unique child of our Heavenly Father, doing their best to navigate a challenging world with the limited gifts and knowledge they have. SNAP is making me better at looking past the eccentricities and shortcomings of the people around me and just enjoying the unique individuals they are. The mandate is laid out for us in Colossians 3:12-15: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..."

I still need a lot of work, so I'm eager to get back to SNAP as soon as we can. Maybe some of you will even want to join us.

Warmly,
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Ward Bishopric

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Sunday Service Announcement—January 24th

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 Furstenuau, 801.330.1968
Mark Hindley, 801.599.8175

[Click here to join January 24th 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—January 24th

GARDEN PARK WARD

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

January 24, 2021, 10am

Conducting..... Chris Furstenuau
Pianist Lois Waltman
Opening Hymn (organ only).....*Let Us Oft Speak Kind Words, No. 232*
Invocation TBA
Ward Business Brother Furstenuau
Speaker Preston Handy

"America the Beautiful" and "The Star Spangled Banner"
Juliet Chapman, voice; accompanied by Lois Waltman, piano

Speaker Wendy Williams
Closing Hymn..... *We Love Thy House, O God, No. 247*
Benediction..... TBA

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn*How Great the Wisdom and the Love, No. 195*

Administration of the Sacrament

"Whosoever will may lay hold upon the word of God, which is quick and powerful, which shall divide asunder all the cunning and the snares and the wiles of the devil, and lead the [disciple] of Christ in a strait and narrow course"

--*Helaman 3:29*, as quoted by President Russell M. Nelson
Moving Forward, October 2020 General Conference

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Elders Quorum

Dear Brothers,

Thank you for your responses to the "Ministering Outreach." Your love and concern for your ministering families was evident. You are a blessing to them, and they benefit from your friendship and contact with them. If you haven't been in touch with us, it's never too late to reach out to your families and to let us know how it's going with your families. We also welcome your input regarding your experiences with ministering or maybe lack of experiences. We are all doing the best we can and we are happy to help with any obstacles to ministering, whether personal or external.

We also thank you for signing up for ward lockup. It makes all the difference to have many brothers and families helping out.

We are blessed to have inspired leaders, speakers and teachers in our ward who have made our sacrament meetings, Zoom lessons and newsletters spiritually rich and edifying.

We have a pending service opportunity that I just found out about tonight. A sister in California emailed to tell us about a friend, Pamela Kelly, not of our faith, who is moving gradually from a rental at 1564 S 2100 E into her new home at 1261 Yale Ave (Williams former home). "Sister" Kelly has to be out of her rental by the 31st. So we will likely need some brothers to help her move before then. We don't know yet what her needs are and what needs to be moved, but we will let you know ASAP. She is a church going Christian who is familiar with our church and has had positive experiences with church members.

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Young Women

Sunday, January 24th at 12:30 p.m.

We have our Sunday Zoom meeting this week, Sunday, the 24th, at 12:30, and Rachel will give our spiritual thought -- thank you Rachel! Zoom info to come.

Wednesday, January 27th

This coming Wednesday, the 27th, is our Zoom Welcome Activity for our incoming young women, Evy and Ida -- hope everyone can join us!

Wednesday, February 3rd

There are plans in the works for a Stake Young Women's Valentine's Day activity on Wednesday, February 3rd -- we'll send details as we hear more.

We hope you've had a safe, happy week -- look forward to seeing you soon!

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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

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

January 24, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

[Watch Ye Therefore, and Pray Always](#), by Elder M. Russell Ballard

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

[Click here to join the January 24th 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	

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Ward Announcements

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!

Brighton Girls Camp will soon accept applications for counselors, specialists, and other staff members. For additional information, Young Adult age women interested in applying should visit brightongirls-camp.org

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

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.

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.