

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

In reviewing our ward theme (above) for this year, and pondering world events, I reacquainted myself with a quote from one of my favorite authors, Og Mandino. I hope it reminds you, as it does me, of testimony and love for agency and Light, and with anticipatory patience with our individual and collective growth curves:

"I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness for it shows me the stars."

Gratefully, especially during the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we treasure and endure the blessings of triumph and trial that almost always go hand in hand, as God's plan of Salvation intended.

Blessings from Bishop Graham and the Garden Park Ward Bishopric

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

Sunday Service Program—November 8st

Dear Garden Park Ward,

Like many of you, we continue to watch the rising infection rates and want to do all we can to help our community mitigate the spread. We will continue to hold Sacrament Meeting via Zoom broadcast tomorrow, November 8th.

Those conducting and offering prayers and talks will be present in the chapel.

We know this news is disappointing to some of you, as it is to us, but we hope this approach will allow us all to enjoy a sacrament meeting experience while also reducing risk of infection spread.

Please join us for a Zoom meeting on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. to hear a messages from Bishop & Sister Graham.

Garden Park Ward bishopric

[Click here to join November 8th Sunday Meeting](#)

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

Sunday Service Program—November 8th

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
GARDEN PARK WARD
✻ Sacrament Meeting Program ✻

November 8, 2020, 10am

For all families on Zoom

Conducting Bishop Rick Graham
Organist Judianne Peterson
Opening Hymn (organ only) On This Day of Joy and Gladness, No. 64
Invocation Jean Robbins
Ward Business Bishop Graham
Speaker Cathy Graham

"The Prayer" by Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster

Italian Lyrics by Alberto Testa and Tony Renis

Performed by Isabelle and Luke Johnson, Roger Thompson's grandchildren

Speaker Bishop Graham
Closing Hymn (organ only) Precious Savior, Dear Redeemer, No. 103
Benediction Ralph Robbins

Zoom broadcast is concluded

*"My message today is that even though this pandemic is not what we wanted or expected,
God has prepared His children and His Church for this time."
-- Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf, God Will Do Something Unimaginable, Oct 2020 General Conference*

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

Relief Society

We have heard and seen some interesting things leading up to this election. It is curious and fascinating to me to see how the light of Christ in everyone inspires so many varied thoughts, perspectives and political views. Church leaders have told us that there is "good in both parties" charging us to discover, recognize and act on that good by exercising our agency, privilege and responsibility to vote. I was excited about the large voting turnout but I am equally excited that the contest and distractions are over. I believe that there is as much or more good done in American homes and neighborhoods as there is in government. I have seen that in the caring acts so many of do in this ward. Thank you!

Jenny Hobbs stated it well:

"I'm just going to pray and try my best to help around in my community." She then provided the following scripture:

Colossians 3:12-15 New International Version

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves^(A) with compassion, kindness, humility,^(B) gentleness and patience.^(C) ¹³ Bear with each other^(D) and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.^(E) ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love,^(F) which binds them all together in perfect unity.^(G)

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ^(H) rule in your hearts, since as members of one body^(I) you were called to peace.^(J) And be thankful.

To me this is the perfect transition from election mode into the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Love,
Kathy and the Relief Society Presidency

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

Elders Quorum

In the Women's Session of the recent general conference President Sharon Eubank, *First Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency* gave a talk entitled, "By Union of Feeling We Obtain Power with God." I thought it was especially timely given the polarization, contention, and lack of unity we experience in our society and even in the church. I have copied some excerpts from her talk:

"In 1842, the Saints were working hard to build the Nauvoo Temple. After the founding of the Relief Society in March, the Prophet Joseph often came to their meetings to prepare them for the sacred, unifying covenants they would soon make in the temple.

On June 9, the Prophet "said he was going to preach mercy[.] Supposing that Jesus Christ and [the] angels should object to us on frivolous things, what would become of us? We must be merciful and overlook small things." President Smith continued, "It grieves me that there is no fuller fellowship—if one member suffer all feel it—by union of feeling we obtain pow'r with God."

Jacob 2:17 reads, "Think of your [brothers and sisters] like unto yourselves, and be familiar with all and free with your substance, that they may be rich like unto you." Let's replace the word *substance* with *mercy*—be free with your *mercy* that they may be rich like unto you. We often think of substance in terms of food or money, but perhaps what we all need more of in our ministering is mercy.

We may not yet be where we want to be, and we are not now where we will be. I believe the change we seek in ourselves and in the groups we belong to will come less by activism and more by actively trying every day to understand one another. Why? Because we are building Zion—a people "of one heart and one mind."

May we be aware of how we might offend, belittle, alienate and exclude those around us, and let us be sensitive and respectful to all people regardless of their beliefs, political leanings, lifestyle, appearance, and whatever else divides us rather than unifies. Let us seek understanding. Maybe we can get a little closer to the ideal of Zion.

-GP Ward Elders Quorum

Announcements

- Please reach out to your ministering families. If you are not aware of your assignments please contact Doug Bunker 801-910-7128.
- Welfare assignment on December 29th Tuesday for 6 people 9:00a - 1:00p Deseret Bakery (Slicing & Pack Bread)
- Ward lockup: We need volunteers. Free lessons available on how to lock up and unlock. New faces are welcome. The old faces are getting weary.

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

Young Women

We have our **Sunday Zoom** meeting **this week**, Sunday, November 8, at **12:30**, and Lisa will lead our discussion this week. The topic will be **Mormon 7 - 9: Why Do the Choices I Make Matter?**

Topic: YW Sunday Zoom

Time: Nov 8, 2020 12:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77296451612?pwd=TTRjNU1lQXJMRUpaZVNzd1BiKzdaUT09>

Meeting ID: 772 9645 1612

Passcode: iZg21r

It looks like we're going to be consigned to Zoom for a while, so we'll have a Zoom brainstorm **this Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00**, to talk about activities going forward. Hope everybody can join us on Zoom -- come with an idea for an activity you'd like to consider! Zoom info to come...

Looking ahead, the Young Women's organization is celebrating its 150th anniversary in a churchwide "Face to Face event" on **November 15, 2020**. The celebration includes a "My 150" challenge, described in the link and excerpt from the announcement, below:

"Leaders are encouraging young women around the world to think of an activity they can do related to 150 to commemorate the anniversary. 'Maybe you will choose to read 150 pages of scripture or index [family history] 150 names....You may decide to share 150 smiles or 150 encouraging texts or social media posts with friends who need a lift or a boost. Or maybe you'll join with other youth in your ward and take 150 names to the temple for [proxy] baptisms as soon as we are able to return to those sacred spaces.'"

[Young Women Organization Celebrates 150 Years in 2020](#)

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Sunday School and features Norm Younker as our presenter.

November 8, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

[Come Follow Me Mormon 7—9](#) "I Speak unto You As If Ye Were Present"

Please be sure and have your Books of Mormon available

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

[Click here to join November 8th 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>.

We miss you and hope to see you on Sunday!

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12



Happy Birthday!

November 2—Kathy Campbell
November 2—Elias Johnson
November 3—Steven Baugh
November 8—Hannah Donohoe
November 8—Bruce Hekeia
November 8—Mia Merchant
November 9—Marissa Fisher
November 10—Elsie Merchant
November 10—Mori Paulsen
November 12—Jeff Merchant
November 14—Roger Thompson
November 14—Vanessa Walsh
November 15—Michael Paulsen
November 17—Kara Christensen

November 18—Sherry Baugh
November 19—Carlie Kamerath
November 20—Max Smith
November 20—Anne Woolstenhulme
November 21—Colleen Stevens
November 22—Craig Etherington
November 23—Carolyn Sherman
November 24—Logan Young
November 25—Ronalee Baker
November 25—Valentino Carmine Ruiz
November 26—Matthew Blaser
November 27—Jim Duke
November 28—Theresa Duke
November 30—Rob Jones

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 8, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

Ward Announcements

- ◆ **We need your help taking turns to lock up our grounds!!!!** Please contact Doug Bunker if you might be able to join him on the ward lock-up list. Please call him at 801.910.7128, or email him at dougbunker9@gmail.com.
- ◆ The Bountiful temple is performing live ordinances *by appointment only*. Please refer to the [church website](#) for more details and updates on ongoing changes.
- ◆ **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 for enlightenment and studying the gospel.