

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

October 11, 2020



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Brothers and sisters

This past week we had the opportunity to listen to our dear Prophet and Apostles. In the church of Jesus Christ we sustain the brethren as prophet, seers, and revelators. I am so grateful the Lord has provided a structure in which we can literally hear Gods instruction. They literally speak the word of God and if we listen to them and try to follow their admonitions we will hold to the rod of iron which leads to eternal life and happiness. I'd like to share some of my thoughts about Elder Holland's talk *Waiting on the Lord*.

Elder Holland asks, "How long do we wait for relief from hardships that come upon us? What about enduring personal trials while we wait and wait, and help seems so slow in coming? Why the delay when burdens seem more than we can bear?" Throughout our lives we deal with personal hardships and 2020 has now compounded on top of those. Some of our prayers have been answered and others haven't. Elder Holland gives us an apostolic promise that all prayers are *always* answered by our Heavenly Father one way or another. Elder Holland continues "The path to holiness and happiness here and hereafter is a long and sometimes rocky one. It takes time and tenacity to walk it. But, of course, the reward for doing so is monumental." He then speaks of Alma Chapter 32 where Alma compares the word unto a seed which will eventually grow into a tree with fruit which eternal life can be plucked. In Alma 32:42 it reads And because of your diligence and your faith and your patience with the word in nourishing it, that it may take root in you, behold, by and by ye shall pluck the fruit thereof, which is most precious, which is sweet above all that is sweet, and which is white above all that is white, yea, and pure above all that is pure; and ye shall feast upon this fruit even until ye are filled, that ye hunger not, neither shall ye thirst.

We have endured much we most surely will endure more through our lives but let us have faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ in "the good times and the bad." Let us endure with tenacity! We have promise that eventually we will be filled and not hunger or thirst.

As a bishopric we invite everyone to read and re-read the messages given at general conference. In the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

Chris Furstenuau and the Garden Park Ward Bishopric.

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Garden Park Ward Council Announcement

Welcome back K through Z families to Garden Park Ward Sacrament Service. Please see our accompanying bulletin for today's program.

We want to share our plans for today, so that we can all work together to make it a wonderful return to our Ward building Services.

A few of you are wondering if you should be attending Sacrament Meeting at the ward or via the broadcast. Our Area Presidency has recently counseled us that, *"Members at higher risk due to age or underlying medical conditions may not be able to attend in person but should participate via the broadcast."* We trust each of you to self identify whether or not you are in the Covid 19 high-risk categories of health condition or age.

Our second back-in-building Sacrament Meeting will be held today, Sunday, October 11, at 10:00 am for approximately forty minutes. It will be broadcast live via zoom, except for the Administration of the Sacrament, which will be administered after the closing prayer.

To help us meet as safely as possible, we are taking the following precautions:

Masks— required for all attendees two years of age and above. We will have masks at each door if you need one.

Seating—will be ushered, so please arrive early. Families will be seated together, and at minimum, six feet from others.

Low numbers—we divided our ward into two roughly equal groups to by families' last names. Group 1 is A through J. Group 2 is K through Z.

Only one meeting room—the chapel is the only meeting room that will be used. It is being sanitized before and after each use. We will enter and exit through the Chapel doors on the North and South side of the Chapel where ushers will direct us to our seats. Socially distanced visiting is welcome outside on the grounds as desired.

The foyer bathroom will be available for emergency use only. Please prevent as many emergencies as possible by taking care of things at home before you come.

Sacrament Administration—heightened sanitation and distribution methods will be used.

Instrumental music only. Please let Roger Thompson know if you are available and interested in sharing at a future Sacrament meeting.

Anyone with cough, sore throat, fever, headache, illness of any type, please do not attend.

Our meeting today is a Testimony meeting (although not our Fast Sunday), and we invite you to come prepared to share as you feel prompted.

Group 1 attended, Sunday, September 27, and Group 2 is invited to attend today, October 11. We will alternate weekly after that.

As noted in the Program, the Administration of the Sacrament will take place at the conclusion of the Benediction, and the Bishopric will invite members of the congregation to assist. Gloves and sanitizer will be provided.

A Zoom Ward Presentation, featuring our Primary Program, will follow at approximately 11:15 am. Both the Sacrament Meeting link and the Ward Zoom Presentation links are in this Ward Newsletter.

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Sacrament Service Program—October 11th

Please click on the following link to join the October 11th Testimony Meeting:

[Click here to join October 11th Sacrament Meeting](#)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

GARDEN PARK WARD

✻ Sacrament Meeting Program ✻

October 11, 2020, 10am
For families K-Z

Conducting Chris Furstenuau
Organist Samuel Johnson
Opening Hymn (organ only) Sweet Is the Work, No. 147
Invocation TBA
Ward Business Brother Furstenuau

Bearing of Testimonies

Closing Hymn (organ only) Where Can I Turn for Peace, No. 129
Benediction TBA

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn (organ only) I Stand All Amazed, No. 193

Administration of the Sacrament

*"Filling our heart and even our soul with the word of God and the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ is crucial to drawing upon the power of God to help us in these challenging times."
-- Elder Kelly R. Johnson, October 2020 General Conference.*

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Relief Society

What a refreshing change it was last weekend to listen to humble & inspired men and women teaching us truths without contention.

Elder Patrick Kearon's opening prayer spoke volumes for me. I find it worth repeating in our message this week..

Our dear Father in Heaven-

We gratefully gather at the opening of this worldwide conference to rejoice in the life, ministry and atoning gifts of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We pray for those who are unwell in body, mind, or spirit and for those who grieve.

We ask thee to bless any in need who are watching or listening to this Conference, particularly those who feel marginalized or lost.

We plead for healing, peace and comfort to settle upon them.

We seek Thy blessing upon all those who are sick or suffering as a result of the COViD virus and those working to defeat it.

We ask guidance for leader of nations and peoples around the world as we yearn for a return to grace, dignity, and civility in public life.

We pray for all those who will speak during this conference.

We humbly acknowledge that the gospel of Jesus Christ joyfully lived is the answer to all ills.

And offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Young Women

October 11, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

Wendy will lead our **Sunday Zoom** discussion this week: Sunday, October 11, at **12:30** . Zoom info to come -- hope you can join us!

The topic will be **3 Nephi 17 - 19: "How Can I Make the Sacrament More Meaningful to Me,"** and Wendy has asked that we think about the following questions:

- How will you 'always remember Him'?
- Has the pandemic and social distancing affected how you feel about taking the sacrament?

YW Activity

We're monitoring the weather and Covid status closely as we plan for our next YW activity, so there won't be an activity this coming Wednesday, but stay tuned!

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Young Men

Quorum Zoom Meeting

Sunday, October 11th
1:00 p.m.

Zoom link will be sent through the quorum text chain

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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week we're looking forward to the presentation of the Garden Park Primary program.

October 11, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

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

[Click here to join the Garden Park Ward Primary Program](#)

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!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1—Gloria Rae Hanni
October 2—Amy Furstenau
October 2—Elle Moore
October 3—Karli Gillette
October 5—Alexander Crotchett
October 6—Taylor Johnson
October 6—Marilyn Rasmuson
October 6—Ben Younker
October 7—Jenny Hobbs
October 7—James Terry
October 12—Gary Davis
October 12—Maggie Wilson
October 13—Whitney Hanssen
October 13—Barbara Lund
October 13—Vivienne Patch
October 14—Jacquie Mena
October 15—Rose Davis
October 15—Rich Patch
October 16—Randy Baker

October 16—Dominic Mattson
October 17—Graham Patch
October 18—Jill Hennessey
October 18—Michelle Jones
October 19—Michael Campbell
October 22—Roman Patch
October 23—Alan Gourley
October 23—Carol Naylor
October 23—William Sproul
October 23—Jan Wilson
October 24—Ryan Crotchett
October 24—Craig Galli
October 24—Janet Romney
October 25—Grace Kerig
October 26—Spencer Ashby
October 26—Jane Wilson
October 27—Mario Hobbs
October 29—Paul Werner
October 30—Susan Earl

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Ward Announcements

- ◆ **Ward Council Meeting** is scheduled for next Sunday, October 18th. Zoom invite will be coming soon.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.