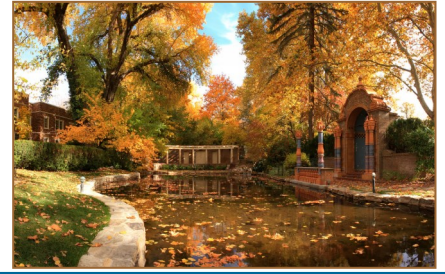


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"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

Nineteen years ago today I was a zone leader in an area called Quilpué in the great country of Chile. On this very morning the zone was gathering to hold a spiritual feasting session. On my way to the meeting I realized I left the mission cell phone in my apartment, "No worries," I thought, "I'll pick it up after the meeting." On my way back from the meeting I was talking with a gentleman on the bus and he said a word I didn't understand and had never heard in Chilean Spanish.

"Terroristas" he cried, "Knocked down the twin towers in New York." I have to admit at that point I may have forgotten but I wasn't quite sure even what the twin towers were in New York and I didn't understand terrorists. So not really understanding what he was saying it all seemed a little strange and eerie but I didn't think much of it other than the guy I met was a little loco. When I arrived at the apartment to retrieve my abandoned cell phone I had more than 50 missed calls from the mission office. I thought, *Uh oh, something is up.*

I immediately called the mission office back to see what was so urgent. They were quite alarmed and asked me where I had been. I told them we just had a great zone meeting and sent all the missionaries out to preach the gospel. They said go tell them all to go back into their quarters, American soil had been attacked by terrorists and everyone was to stay safe indoors. I finally got it, terrorists had attacked the twin towers in New York City. It was a sorrowing moment and one I can't adequately describe. I then spent the afternoon tracking down every missionary pair letting them know we were required to stay indoors until further notice. A few days later we were back to work.

I often hear about the suffering of all Americans during this time along with the unity that the American people felt and experienced for one another. For a time we all felt like one and we had love for everyone. I felt it too; however, I was out of the country and didn't experience the full unity that Americans felt on American soil. To this day I'm a little saddened that I wasn't around for this American experience of unity and love.

We find ourselves in similar circumstances of world wide heartache without the unity and love it seems. It seems everywhere we turn there is divisiveness and turmoil. This gives us a great opportunity to reach out and love our neighbors, to give of our substance and effort. There is much to be done and there is much that we can do during this time. I pray we will all look for ways to serve our neighbors and ward members in love and unity.

Your brother

Chris Furstenau and the Garden Park Bishopric

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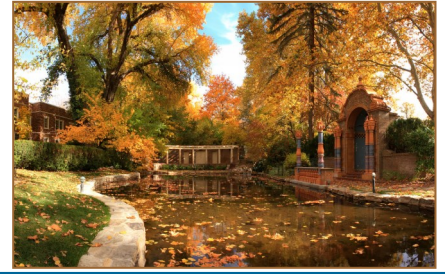
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Ward Council

As you may have seen, the First Presidency sent out new guidelines for meeting together and for broadcasting our Sunday meetings. In response, and in moving forward with our previous plans, the Bishopric and Ward Council are working together to provide a return to Sunday worship in our chapel or ward grounds by September 27th. More information to follow next week about who, when, where and how.

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Relief Society

Yikes! The power of Mother Nature in viruses, earthquakes and now...wind! I am so sorry for the fear, vulnerability and anxiety that the destruction and loss of power has added to us! I think a lot of us are thinking, "What next?!"

The destruction of so many trees was heartbreaking to me! My heart goes out to our friends who have lost their comforting surroundings! I know that many of the lost trees were planted and nurtured and loved by homeowners.

One positive is that there was less damage to buildings. In many cases in our area, trees fell in front of or around buildings instead of on top of them.

I am also grateful for the cleansing of the air. Prior to the wind storms our air was severely polluted. Years ago, my sister taught me the serenity prayer which has felt especially impactful to me this year. I am sure that many of you are familiar with it:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change

The courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

And the flexibility and fortitude to follow through"

I don't know if she wrote those last 2 lines or found them in a longer version somewhere but "flexibility and fortitude" speak loudly to me in 2020.

I love society's adaptability! Masks were so annoying and off putting to me in the beginning but I am now used to them and so grateful for them allowing us to interact while keeping us safe.

I've been so impressed with the many innovations that keep us going (but a bit doubtful for a replacement for electricity) I still miss hugs, live choral music and theater and most of all...live church meetings with all of you! I am hopeful that we can all gather soon as we once did.

In the meantime, I'm very grateful that things are not worse!

Much love,

Kathy and the Relief Society Presidency

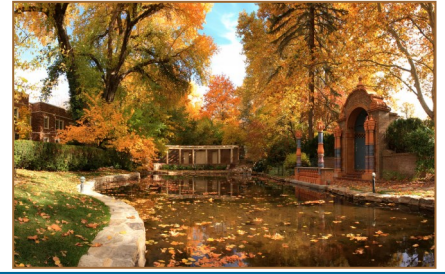


Does anyone like abstracts? JoAnn Narus is selling this gorgeous 4 x 5 ft oil painting by artist David Anthony Sargeant.

Please contact JoAnn at 801.243.8952 for more information.

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Young Women

Sunday, September 13th at 12:00 p.m.

Susie will lead our Sunday Zoom discussion this - hope you can join us!

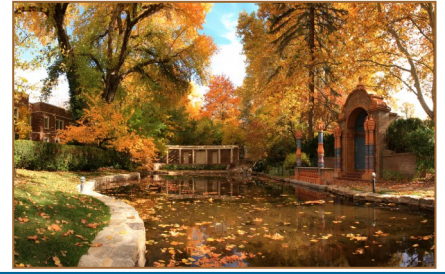
The topic will be **3 Nephi 1-7: "How Do I Endure Faithfully to the End,"** and Susie has asked that we think about the following questions:

- What examples of enduring to the end have I seen in my family or the scriptures?
- How has your commitment to endure to the end blessed you and your family?
- How would you counsel a friend who said living the gospel is too hard?

☞Log on links will be sent through the YW email & text group☞

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Young Men

Reminder to continue working in your individual Personal Development Guide Book, which contains the following topics:

1. You Have a Purpose
2. You Are a Precious Child of God
3. You Can Follow the Savior
4. A Pattern for Growth by:
 - Discover what you need to work on.
 - Plan how you will do it.
 - Act on your plan in faith.
 - Reflect on what you have learned.
 - Consider creating goals in each of the four areas to keep your life balanced.
 - Spiritual
 - Social
 - Physical
 - Intellectual

With love,

Quorum Advisors Jess and Samuel, and Activity Specialists Hunter and Sean

Quorum Zoom Meetings

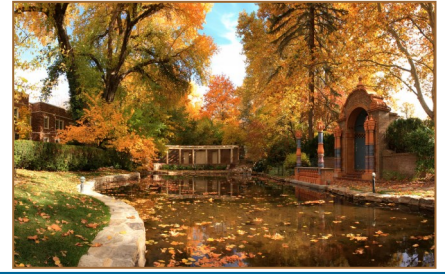
[Quorum Meeting](#)

Sunday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m.

★Log on links will be sent through the quorum text chain★

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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

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

September 13, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Come Follow Me: [3 Nephi 1—7](#) *"Lift Up Your Head and Be of Good Cheer"*

Join Zoom Meeting

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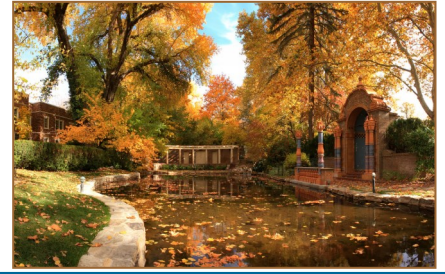
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If you're having challenges connecting to Zoom here's a link to a tutorial to help get connected <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>.

We miss you and hope to see you on our Zoom meetings!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 2—Kelly Morgan Watson

September 4—Joan Liong

September 4—Rick Waltman

September 4—Savannah Watson

September 5—Heather Feil

September 5—Gabe Goorman

September 5—Casey Gunnell

September 6—Kai Jensen

September 7—Katie Curtis

September 7—Scarlett Williams

September 8—Anna Christiansen

September 8—Rafael Mena

September 8—Ronald Miller

September 9—Daniel Guertler

September 10—Lisa Paulsen

September 11—Aubree Johnson

September 12—Kristine Orton

September 14—Izzy Vaifo'ou

September 15—Catherine Thorpe

September 16—Gabriel Johnson

September 16—Lynne Van Dam

September 18—Rachel Callister

September 18—Cynthia Levinthal

September 20—Patrick Donohoe

September 20—Jessica Patch

September 20—Missy Taylor

September 21—Preston Curtis

September 22—Grayden Gaykowski

September 25—Rachel Orton

September 27—Tammy Castleforte

September 27—Nicholas Hammond

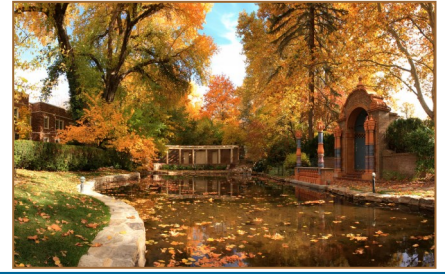
September 29—Brittany Hailes

September 30—Brandon Bennett

September 30—Natalie Peterson

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Ward Announcements

- ◆ **City tree and debris clean up** information can be found on the city's website, slc.gov/wind-damage-faqs . The city will be collecting private trees & debris from curbside as soon as they can, hopefully beginning next week. In addition, the City landfill is free for bulk green waste starting September 9 for 2 weeks.
- ◆ **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.