

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

September 26, 2021



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Dear Brothers and Sisters

In April of 2017, "Drawing the Power of Jesus Christ in Our Lives", by President Nelson, then the President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, discussed the topic of coming closer to the Savior and drawing on His power to help navigate the trials and challenges of life. In the beginning it reads, "He warned us that in our day the adversary would stir up anger in the hearts of men and lead them astray. Yet our Heavenly Father never intended that we would deal with the maze of personal problems and social issues on our own." He then discusses several ways we can draw the Savior's power in our lives.

One way is reading and studying every citation in the Topical Guide about Jesus Christ, which is more than 2,200 of them. After doing so at the age of 92 and extensive dedicated church service he exclaimed he was a different man.

He also discussed the "The Living Christ" and urged us to read it as we seek to come closer to the Savior. In the last paragraph of "The Living Christ" it reads, "He is the light, the life, and the hope of the world. His way is the path that leads to happiness in this life and eternal life in the world to come." Yesterday, on Saturday September 18, as I sat and listened to the sweet funeral of Vella Neil Evans I was prompted to read "The Living Christ;" as the Evans cousins and spouses sang *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* I couldn't control my tears and feelings of the spirit. The spirit bore powerfully to me that the Savior's divine mission is unparalleled and not only for me but all mankind.

I am so grateful for the Savior and his mission. I know he lives and can't wait to see him again. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Chris Furstenau

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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—September 26th

GARDEN PARK WARD

-Sacrament Meeting Program-

THE CHURCH OF
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September 26, 2021, 10am

Conducting.....	Chris Furstenuau
Pianist	Lois Waltman
Chorister	Juliet Chapman
Opening Hymn.....	<i>We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet, No. 19</i>
Invocation	Michelle Jones
Ward Business	Brother Furstenuau
Speaker	Catherine Thorpe
Intermediate Hymn.....	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth, No. 92</i>
Speaker	Don Thorpe
Closing Hymn	<i>We Ever Pray for Thee, No. 23</i>
Benediction.....	Rob Jones

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn	<i>As Now We Take the Sacrament, No. 169</i>
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Administration of the Sacrament

*"Please do all you can to protect yourself and others so the work
of the Lord on both sides of the veil can move forward."
—First Presidency Letter, 22 September 2021*

[Click here to join September 26th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society

"Charity is having patience with someone who has let us down, it is resisting the impulse to become offended easily. It is accepting weaknesses and shortcomings. It is accepting people as they truly are. It is looking beyond physical appearances to attributes that will not dim through time. It is resisting the impulse to categorize others." -President Thomas S. Monson

The Guide to the Scriptures defines charity as "the highest, noblest, strongest kind of love". It is the pure love of Jesus Christ. I know that as we learn of Jesus Christ and strive to become like Him, we will begin to feel His pure love in our lives and be prompted to love and serve others as He would.

He is our greatest example.

I hope you all are well, we are grateful for you.

Please let us know if we can help you in any way,

Amy Furstenau and the GP Relief Society



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Upcoming Activities

Women's Singing Opportunity

Roger Thompson has invited the sisters to sing a musical number on **October 17th** in Sacrament Meeting. Please contact Roger at 385.226.3317 or Kathy at 801.971.1504 if you're interested in participating.

Halloween Open House

We are hoping that we can host a Halloween open house at the carriage house again this year, but Covid has more power than we do (even when we are witches). We will keep you posted.

Floral Arranging & Decorations

Our November activity will be floral arranging and decorating ideas for Thanksgiving, tentatively on **November 23rd**.

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2nd Hour Ward Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Elders Quorum and features Brother Mori Paulsen as our presenter.

The lesson will be presented live in the Relief Society room. If you're not attending in person, please feel invited to join the meeting via Zoom through the link below:

September 26, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

"[Hearts Knit Together](#)" by Elder Gary E. Stevenson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

[Click here to join the September 26th Ward Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 992 8557 5419

Passcode: 378937

Click <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting> if you need help connecting to the Zoom meeting.

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Happy Birthday!

September 1–Ben Loomis
September 2–Kelly Morgan Watson
September 4–Joan Liong
September 4–Rick Waltman
September 4–Savannah Watson
September 5–Heather Feil
September 5–Gabriel Goorman
September 5–Casey Gunnell
September 6–Kai Jensen
September 8– Anna Christiansen
September 8– Rafael Mena
September 8– Ronald Miller
September 9–Daniel Guertler
September 10–Lisa Paulsen
September 12–Kristine Orton

September 15–Catherine Thorpe
September 16–Gabriel Drinkwater Johnson
September 16–Lynne Van Dam
September 18–Cynthia Levinthal
September 18–Rachel Romano
September 20–Patrick Donohoe
September 20–Jessica Patch
September 20–Missy Taylor
September 22–Grayden Gaykowski
September 25–Rachel Orton
September 27–Tammy Castleforte
September 27–Nicholas Hammond
September 29–Brittany Hailes
September 29– Malissa Levesque
September 30–Brandon Bennett

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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 reach the full message from the First Presidency.

Wednesday, September 29th -Bonneville Stake YW & YM Standards Night scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Bonneville Stake Center.

General Conference time is here again! Please tune in next Saturday & Sunday, October 2 & 3 for inspirational messages and answers to prayers.

Click [October 2021 General Conference](#) for a refresher on the general conference session schedule and how to watch live and recorded sessions.

Sacrament Meeting will continue to be held in person and will also be broadcast through Zoom.

We will now be singing in Sacrament meeting and Primary. We will continue to social distance, and continue to invite all congregants, including children, meeting indoors to mask if not vaccinated. For those who choose not to mask, we welcome you. For all those who join in the singing, please wear a mask, or please refrain from singing and just enjoy listening.

COVID Diligence Due to the large increase in Covid 19 in cases in Salt Lake City, please be extra diligent in our Sunday meetings to observe seating distancing and wearing of masks during all singing.

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](#).

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Missionary Month—September 2021 In support of Bonneville Stake Missionary Month here are the inspirational scriptures for the final week.

September 26—[Alma 26:12](#)

September 27—[Alma 17:3](#)

September 28—[John 8:32](#)

September 29 - [Doctrine & Covenants 11:27-28](#)

September 30—[Matthew 5:14-16](#)

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: The Bountiful Temple is now conducting live and proxy ordinances by appointment only. For operating hours and to schedule appointments, please contact our assigned Bountiful temple at (801) 296-2100.