

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

May 15, 2022



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With the beauties of Spring opening all around us, I am reminded of the beauties and strength of God's love and spirit. I see that it is present in all around us when I open my mind and heart.

I thought about a discovery I made years ago during a family activity. Some families do sports, some do music, hiking, traveling, etc. My family loves to bake. Brownies, cupcakes, cookies, including just about any and everything chocolate. Each of our children could probably crack an egg before they could walk. Baking together created the space for discussions in love and laughter around the joyful and the challenging moments in life that emerged in each of our children's lives. And sometimes, taught me unexpected lessons.

On one particular occasion, not so many years ago, our daughter Beth was under the gun preparing ten dozen brownies for an event, and was multi-tasking. When Beth stepped away from the kitchen for a few minutes, to help her out, my wife Cathy, thinking she was helping, pre-cut all the brownies. When Beth came back, she was more than aghast to find the brownies cut, and gasped, "What in the world . . . I needed to frost these."

Beth and Cathy took a few minutes to consider the situation. Cathy suggested they consider putting a dollop of cream cheese frosting on each with a raspberry, like frosting a cupcake. Beth loved the idea and heard later they were the hit of the event. And from that day forward, it became one of our all time favorite brownies.

In that moment, I felt profoundly, what wonders we discover when we open our minds and hearts to possibility.

Thousands of years ago, perhaps on a beautiful spring day in his time, Paul reminded the people of Corinth of the same in a broader setting when he wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10:

"But as it is written, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of [any], the things which God hath prepared for them that love [God].

But God hath revealed them unto us by [God's] Spirit for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God."

Funny what you can discover in chocolate.

I love the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I love the infinite power of ideas and joy God's love holds for each of us.

May God bless and watch over you and your families this wonderful spring season,

Bishop Rick Graham and Garden Park Ward Bishopric

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Sacrament Meeting – May 15th

GARDEN PARK WARD *-Sacrament Meeting Program-* THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

May 15, 2022, 10am

Conducting Randy Peterson
Pianist Lois Waltman
Chorister Juliet Chapman
Opening Hymn..... *Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice, No. 73*
Invocation Jim Fisher
Ward Business Brother Peterson
Sacrament Hymn *He Died! The Great Redeemer Died, No. 192*

Administration of the Sacrament

Speaker Maddie Waltman
Intermediate Hymn..... *God Is Love, No. 87*
Speaker Ben Loomis
Closing Hymn..... *Lord, Accept Our True Devotion, No. 107*
Benediction..... Steve Franz

Zoom broadcast is concluded

"Commit to yourselves and to your Heavenly Father that you will serve a mission and that from this time forward you will strive to keep your hearts, hands, and minds clean and worthy. I invite you to gain a solid testimony of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ."

Missionary Service Blessed My Life Forever, M. Russell Ballard, April 2022

[Click HERE to join our May 15th Sacrament Meeting via Zoom](#)

YouTube Link click here →[Garden Park Ward Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society Spotlights– Karli Gillette & Kathy Shaw

Emily Ann Shaw was born in American Fork, but her family has been in the 31st ward her whole life. She and her sister Amy were born with an extremely rare disease called cystinosis. It's a degenerative disease, but both Emily and her sister have lived longer than most. Emily was always very quiet around others, but very creative even as a child. She wanted to be Peter Pan and live in Never-Land and not have to grow up. She graduated from East High in 2000. She worked for 2 years at the Lion House bakery where she learned many wonderful skills. She graduated from Salt Lake Community College and continued her education at UVU, where she graduated in Computer Graphic Design.

She was the computer teacher at Lincoln elementary and then started doing what she had always dreamed of...becoming a writer. She started writing in high school and college. Her disease caused her vision to dim, but she worked for her dad's company, Shaw Electric and kept writing. In the summer of 2017, her retinas detached (not part of her disease). After 6 surgeries the doctors couldn't stop the scar tissue from growing so she was left blind. In November of the same year, she lost her kidney transplant and went on dialysis.

In 2018 & 2019, she attended & graduated from the Utah Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired, while being on dialysis 3x a week. In the summer of 2020 after Deseret Book editor, Emily Watts read her book twice, she suggested that Emily should self-publish it. The book came out in 2021 and is available from Emily or from Amazon. It's titled *Warrior Rising*, by Ann Shaw. She has continued to write and has completed all 7 books in the series, along with a short mystery.

On Sept 1, Emily quit dialysis. It was expected that she would pass away quickly. But after 8 months, she is still here and tries to do something each day as she waits on the Lord. She wants to meet everyone in the new ward. She's a delightful sister.

Emily, you are amazing!

Kathy Nelson was born in Salt Lake City and has lived here all her life. She attended West high school and graduated from University of Utah. She married Larry Nelson in the Salt Lake temple. She is the mother of 7 children, 4 boys and 3 girls. She & Larry bought a home on Lake Street and have lived there ever since. Her husband was the Bishop of the 31st ward. He died several years ago. She now lives with her daughter Cindy. Kathy is a great musical talent who plays the piano & organ and sings beautifully.

We are grateful to Kathy for taking Norma Offsinger to church for many years now.

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Relief Society Bulletin Board

Evening with Dr. Camille Fronk Olson

If you missed our evening with Dr. Camille Fronk Olson, and would like to hear her message, here is the YouTube link to watch the video - [Finding Yourself in the Women of the Old Testament](#)

Saturday, September 10th - Bonneville Stake Relief Society Women's Conference @Bonneville Stake Center.

Utah Crisis Food Response To those looking for volunteer opportunities in the Salt Lake area, there is an incredible non-profit organization called Utah Crisis Food Response that delivers food to lower income families, immigrants, those who lack transportation, and those who are homebound due to COVID-19. Due to the recent Omicron variant, demand has shot up, and volunteers are greatly needed on Wednesdays at 12 pm to deliver food boxes. All that is asked of volunteers is to arrive at a local food pantry at 12 pm, pick up several food boxes and deliver to the assigned individuals and families. The commitment typically takes 1 hour and blesses so many people's lives. If you are interested in helping out, you can contact Keith Burns at keithburns99@gmail.com. You can also just sign up for Wednesday shifts directly on our website at this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/W748F>.

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2nd Hour Meeting

This week's 2nd hour meeting will be hosted by our Sunday School and will be held live in the Relief Society Room.

Tomorrow's lesson from the Come Follow Me study manual is linked below:

[Come Follow Me: Numbers 11-14; 20-24](#), *"Rebel Not Ye against the Lord, Neither Fear"*

Please note, zoom links have **not** been planned for these meetings. If you'd like one set up to attend remotely, please contact Kathy Younker or Jeff Merchant who can assist with making that arrangement,.



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Happy Birthday!

May 1–Jackson Donohoe
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May 2–Jonathan Davis
May 3–Jackie Daniels-Brown
May 3–Liz Lambson
May 3–Bonnie Rufenacht
May 4–Suzanne Hennefer
May 4–Samuel Terry
May 4–Craig Tingey
May 5–Lois Waltman
May 6–Mark Hindley
May 6–Yvette Young
May 7–Dianne Orcutt
May 8–Coco Mack
May 9–Haylie Ballard
May 9–Michael Brown
May 9–Merry Riddle
May 10–Greta Furstenau
May 11–Merilee Kohler
May 12–Molly Terry
May 13–George Beutler
May 13–Debra Delquadro
May 13–Brad Higbee
May 15–Shannon Howard

May 15–Robert Walker
May 15–Scott Wilson
May 16–Jonathan Norberg
May 18–Lorel Nichols
May 18–Vincent Smith
May 19–Christopher Beddes
May 19–Colton Bramwell
May 19–Valori Norberg
May 21–Lucas Johnson
May 22–Bruce Woolstenhulme
May 23–Samantha Bergen
May 23–Keith Huntsman
May 24–Steven Tanner
May 26–Dannie Davidson
May 26–Eliza Penick
May 26–Sheryl Wixom
May 28–Beverly Hiatt
May 29–Trenton Anderson
May 30–Nathan Brooks
May 30–Eloise Brummer
May 31–Estee Furstenau
May 31–Jordan Hong
May 31–Summer Paiz

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Ward Announcements

Singers & Violinists Needed—We Need You! The Bonneville Stake choir is in desperate need of singers & violinists for our upcoming Stake Conference. If you like to sing or can play the violin, please join us Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the stake center for practice.

May 21–22, 2022— All are invited and welcome to attend the **Bonneville Stake Conference**. In person attendance is encouraged but for those who prefer to attend virtually, here are the links:

Link for Saturday Evening Adult Session, starting at 7:00 p.m.: <https://youtu.be/ubPgyszMFcs>

Link for Sunday Morning General Session, starting at 9:30 a.m.: <https://youtu.be/YXbn-nezoiU>

Sunday May 22, 2022— Seminary Graduation at the Bonneville Stake Center, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

TEMPLE UPDATE: The Bountiful Temple's Status is Now Phase 4: Resuming Normal Operations

Based on First Presidency direction, this temple is gradually lifting pandemic-related restrictions to resume normal operations. While the Salt Lake Temple is closed, you are invited to attend this temple.

- All ordinances will still be available by appointment only.
- Patrons are encouraged to bring their own temple clothing
- Family name cards may be printed at the temple and cards may be returned upon request
- All government guidelines will be observed
- Please contact the temple for more information if you have special circumstances or needs.

How to Schedule an Appointment

You can scheduling an appointment by visiting temples.ChurchofJesusChrist.org

[Schedule an Appointment](#)

Any youth interested in attending **For the Strength of Youth** event his summer are invited to apply. Applicants must be a 2022 HS graduate or turn 18 in 2022, or turn 19 between May 16 and December 31, 2022. Contact Bishop Graham for further details.

Beginning Thursday, May 12th—A Stake sponsored Book of Mormon reading discussion group will held the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at the Stake Center at 7:00 p.m. **All are invited!**

Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. President Russell M. Nelson and his wife, Wendy W. Nelson will speak at the Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults.

President Nelson has extended a special invitation for **all** young adults (married and single) from Logan to Nephi to attend in person at the Conference Center.

Tickets are not required and seating in the Conference Center will be on a first come, first served basis with overflow seating at several nearby locations. Refreshments will be provided.

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Wednesday, May 18th– Stake Blood Drive at the Stake Center from 2:00–7:15 p.m.

The one who sings, prays twice! All are welcome to join the Garden Park Ward Choir! Join us to fill the chapel with your beautiful voices raised in songs of praise. The rehearsal schedule will be announced shortly. Please contact Roger Thompson with any questions.

Garden Park Ward Youth and Parents - Make note of the dates for these upcoming youth activities:

- June 9–12– Ward YW/YM Island Park retreat (Island Park, ID)
- June 21–24 - Bonneville Stake Girl's Camp
- July 15– Bonneville Stake Youth Conference
- Date Pending–Youth 50 Miler

Help for Ukraine As we watch the events in Ukraine unfolding before our eyes, many of us are looking for ways to help the people of Ukraine.

Governor Cox and wife Abby Cox, Gail Miller and the Larry H. Miller Company, along with IHC and others are partnering to collect critically needed items and funds for refugees who are fleeing the Ukraine. There are several ways to join this effort!

1. DONATE MONEY. Visit www.lhm.com/driven-to-assist/ to donate -- Each dollar will be matched up to \$2 million.

2. DONATE TIME. Volunteers are needed to sort and package donated goods for shipping. Sign up here: <https://www.showuputah.org/ukraine>

Stake FamilySearch Center located in the NW corner of the Monument Park Stake Center is open as of October 4th. Masks are strongly encouraged for all patrons and staff. The Family Search Center hours are:

Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday: 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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.

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