

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

April 25, 2021



"Learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit, and you shall have peace in me." D&C 19:23

Dear Garden Park Ward,

It seems one of the real challenges in life is finding some middle ground between the sin of pride and the tragedy of poor self esteem. In my experience, it can be so easy to bounce back and forth between the two without finding the sweet spot in between. When our son Bennet was 2-3 years old, Judianne made him a cape he loved to wear. One Saturday morning, as I was trying to get a bit of extra sleep, I could hear him tearing around the apartment, jumping off the couch, and running back and forth down the hall. Before long, he burst into the bedroom, climbed up on the bed where I was trying to sleep, raised a fist over his head, and declared in the loudest, most convincing voice he could muster, "I AM SUPERMAN!" At that moment, he turned and caught a glimpse of himself in our dresser mirror—bare chest, skinny arms, pot belly, sagging diaper, and homemade cape. His raised fist dropped limp by his side, his head slumped, and he muttered, "Oh, nevermind!"

The challenge of finding the sweet spot between pride and discouragement is exacerbated when we compare ourselves to other humans, be they media constructions or neighbors. When we compare ourselves to others, our instinct is to exaggerate in our minds how much better we are than others, or how much worse we are. When we compare ourselves to God, it's easier to recognize that we are all so far from God's wisdom and goodness that the differences between us humans are almost negligible. And yet, despite our frailties, we all have immeasurable value and potential in God's eyes.

Elder Uchtdorf has said, "This is a paradox of man: compared to God, man is nothing; yet we are everything to God. While against the backdrop of infinite creation we may appear to be nothing, we have a spark of eternal fire burning within our breast. We have the incomprehensible promise of exaltation—worlds without end—within our grasp. And it is God's great desire to help us reach it."

Jesus always seemed to be humbling the proud and building up the downtrodden. He chastised the Pharisees and encouraged the ashamed adulteress, teaching that neither pride nor despair is conducive to growth, and pushing everyone to the sweet spot between the two.

Elder Uchtdorf also said, "Humility does not mean convincing ourselves that we are worthless, meaningless, or of little value. Nor does it mean denying or withholding the talents God has given us. We don't discover humility by thinking less of ourselves; we discover humility by thinking less about ourselves. It comes as we go about our work with an attitude of serving God and our fellowman."

Have a great week, everybody!

Warmly,
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric

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Sunday Service Program—April 25th

GARDEN PARK WARD

-Sacrament Meeting Program-

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

April 25, 2021, 10am

Conducting.....	Bishop Rick Graham
Organist.....	Judianne Peterson
Opening Hymn.....	Come, Ye Disconsolate, No. 115
Invocation.....	TBA
Ward Business.....	Bishop Graham
Speaker.....	Bonnie Wilson
Intermediate Hymn.....	Families Can Be Together Forever, No. 300
Speaker.....	Brent Wilson
Closing Hymn.....	Rock of Ages, No. 111
Benediction.....	TBA

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn.....	Jesus, Once of Humble Birth, No. 196
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Administration of the Sacrament

"When the Lord invited us to 'hear Him,' He was appealing to each of us in our own individual circumstance, with our own cultural awareness and our own abilities to understand a message."

-- Dallin H. Oaks, Hear Him to Bring Others Closer to Him, 15 April, 2021

[Click here to join April 25th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Elders Quorum

It is always hard to say goodbye to brothers when they leave our ward family and our quorum. I have to remind myself that they aren't only leaving us, but that they are also arriving at a new destination, with new hopes, new opportunities and new relationships. I think that is true of Michael Campbell and Tanner Barry. We will miss them, but they will have new people, places, and things to look forward to, and we wish them joy and happiness in their new homes

Michael and his family had been in Garden Park Ward for years when we moved into the neighborhood. His dad, Lannie, was outgoing and cheerful and greeted us warmly when we first attended church. Michael was more reserved than his dad, but was friendly and welcoming in his own way. I got to know Michael better when I was one of his home teachers. I learned that he was a musician and a DJ. I also came to learn that Michael is a strong soul and he has been faced with some of life's unexpected challenges. He has borne the passing of both of his parents within a relatively short period of time, and at a relatively young age, and he has had the responsibilities of being the head of household under some challenging circumstances. Amid all this, Michael has willingly volunteered to serve the ward and the elders quorum and he has been a constant, reassuring presence in our midst. I will miss Michael, yet I know he will have new opportunities and renewed sources of support from family in his new home in Idaho.

I knew Tanner and Susan Barry and their three adorable children would be leaving at some point, but it still seems too soon. Tanner has served faithfully as the second counselor in the elders quorum. He's been unshakable. I could be a bundle of nerves, feeling like a trembling Chihuahua, and he would calmly step up and do what needed to be done. He (and Emilio) would teach lessons on a moments notice. Tanner volunteered to handle assignments like ward lockup, VA blessings, welfare assignments and others. When the pandemic hit, Tanner went for months doing lockup himself while I was overwhelmed with other things. He never complained or asked to be relieved. I still feel bad about abandoning him during that period. Tanner works long hours at a demanding job and he has a young family. From what I can tell, he's a great father, and a loving husband (unconfirmed by Susan). They are headed to West Jordan to a house with a lot more room. I will miss Tanner as will the elders quorum. He has contributed so much to our presidency and quorum that it's hard to convey in words.

Feel free to express your love, thanks and best wishes to Michael and Tanner. Thank you my dear brothers for your goodness, strength, and devotion.

Doug Bunker and the Garden Park Ward Elders Quorum

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stake General Priesthood Meeting

The Bonneville Stake General Priesthood Meeting is planned for Sunday, April 25 at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Stake Center chapel, and will be broadcast (link to be provided later). We will be focusing on the Gathering of Israel on this side of the veil (Missionary Work). We particularly want to encourage our Deacons, Teachers and Priests to join us, with their fathers and leaders, so we plan to have cinnamon knots and drinks available in the Primary Room, starting at 7:00 a.m.

Welfare Square Assignment

Wednesday, May 5, 7:30-11:30 am, 3 people for the Cannery. Please let Doug (801-910-7128) know if you can help.

Temple Recommend Interviews

The Stake will be offering in-person temple recommend interviews for all adults vaccinated starting April 25th. Members who need their recommend interviews or renewals can show up at the Stake offices on Sundays between 12:30 and 2:00, first come, first served. Members who have not been vaccinated or who would prefer to interview remotely can schedule directly with a stake presidency member.

Mother's Day is fast approaching. We are truly blessed with wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and ward and neighborhood "sisters" who make our lives more joyful and loving.

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Primary



Primary is Back!



We are excited to begin Primary again on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at 12:30 via Zoom! We will start with opening exercises and music and then do a break out to Junior and Senior Primary lessons.

Our next meeting will be held on **May 2nd** at 12:30 pm and we so look forward to seeing all of the sweet Primary children!!

Garden Park Primary Zoom Meeting
1st and 3rd Sundays of every month
12:30 pm

<https://utah-health.zoom.us/j/98363898058?pwd=VzlodjZNNXI4b1RaU2dCcXV3RTNndz09>

Meeting ID: 983 6389 8058
Passcode: 661972

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2nd Hour Ward Zoom Meeting

This week's Zoom meeting is sponsored by our Elders Quorum and features Emilio Nicoli as our presenter.

April 25, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

[Christ is Risen; Faith in Him Will Move Mountains](#) by President Russell M. Nelson

[Click here to join the April 25th Ward Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 992 8557 5419

Passcode: 378937

For assistance connecting to Zoom check out this link for tips <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>.

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Happy Birthday!

April 25–Tammy Jensen
April 25–Kenneth Kohler
April 25–Rheim Penman
April 26–Gunner Longenecker
April 28–Carrie Gaykowski
April 28–Jonathan Jensen
April 29–Mark Earl
April 29–Emilio Nicoli
April 30–Darrell Privett

May

May 1–Jackson Donohoe
May 4–Samuel Terry
May 5–Lois Waltman
May 6–Mark Hindley
May 7–Dianne Orcut

May 8–Coco Mack
May 10–Greta Furstenau
May 11–Merilee Kohler
May 12–Molly Terry
May 14–Cindee Elmer
May 15–Scott Wilson
May 15–Christopher Russell
May 16–Melissa Van De Riet
May 18–Lorel Nicholls
May 22–Bruce Woolstenhulme
May 23–Samantha Bergen
May 23–Keith Huntsman
May 26–Dannie Davidson
May 28–Hunter Romano
May 30–Eloise Brummer
May 31–Estee Furstenau

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Ward Announcements

Young Adult Worldwide Devotional—Sunday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Join the live broadcast with Elder Gary & Sister Lisa Stevenson available on the Church satellite system, churchofjesuschrist.org and YouTube.

Mission Call Exciting news from Rick & Cheryl Fuller who have been called to the Florida Jacksonville mission, Spanish speaking. We are looking forward the hearing them speak in Sacrament meeting on Mother's Day, May 9th before they depart for the mission field on May 10th.

Sacrament Meeting Please join us for in person Sacrament Service when you feel safe to come. Since the availability of vaccines, in addition to masks and social distancing, we are thrilled to see the dramatic decrease in Covid cases and anticipate a continued downward trend. We look forward to seeing you.

Temple recommends - We encourage all members 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, Garden Park Ward Executive Secretary (801.599.8175) to set up a phone interview with the Bishop. For your stake interview, please contact President Parker (801.916.1951) or President Patch (801.455.0181) to schedule an interview.

GP Ward music committee Please reach out to Roger Thompson at (385) 226-3317 if you or your loved ones would like to share a musical number for Sacrament meeting. Currently we are recording the music beforehand and then playing the recording over zoom.

There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.