

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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Dear Garden Park Ward,

When my mother was a young woman, she attended the College of Southern Utah (now SUU) and worked at the National Parks during the summers. One day, while waitressing at the Grand Lodge at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, two middle-aged men were seated at one of her tables. The waitresses would stand little cards on the tables with their names and the colleges they attended. Seeing the card, the men motioned her over. "Utah? Are you a Mormon?" She replied that she was. For the next hour, they asked her all sorts of questions about the church. Joseph Smith saw WHAT in the grove of trees? Did she actually believe that? No alcohol? No tobacco? No sex? SERIOUSLY? It was clear the questions were not sincere attempts to learn, but rather attempts to ridicule and entertain themselves at her expense. She did her best to inform and defend, but left work that day feeling very dejected.

Six months later, on the steps of Old Main back at the College of Southern Utah, a young man approached my mother. "Are you Judy Ashcroft?" "Yes." "My name is Stan Sorenson, and I have a message for you from Jeanne Bernhardt." "I don't think I know anyone by that name." Stan explained that Jeanne was a single mother from Chicago. She and her teenaged son had taken a couple missionary discussions but were not members of the church. She had been visiting the Grand Canyon on the day my mother had defended her beliefs in front of the two men. She had been impressed by how much my mother knew about the church, and how sincerely she had defended it. She wanted something like that for her son. When the two men left their table, she picked up the card with my mother's name and college and put it in her purse.

Back in Chicago, Jeanne contacted Elder Stan Sorenson and his companion. She and her son took the missionary discussions and were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. By coincidence, Elder Sorenson was approaching the end of his mission and planned to attend the College of Southern Utah when he was done. Jeanne made him promise to find Judy Ashcroft and tell her the rest of the story.

Years later, when I was six years old, my family moved to Chicago. There, my mother had the chance to finally meet Jeanne Bernhardt, and they became friends.

I have learned that we are all "influencers." Our words and actions are noted by those around us. When we openly live and defend the principles we hold dear, it gives courage to others to do the same. I am grateful to each of you for the positive influence you have on me and on our community. Thank you for making Garden Park such a wonderful place to live.

Warmly,  
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric

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The Ward and Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Activity exceeded all expectations. What a hit!!!! On behalf of the Bishopric and the Ward Council, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the herculean efforts of Jenny Hobbs and President Rheim Penman and the Ward Primary in providing the Ward and our neighborhood with the Easter Egg hunt and activity. You outdid yourselves! Thank you from us, and thank you from the 100 + who I hear had a wonderful time.

In addition, we are grateful to all the volunteers from the Relief Society, the Elders' quorum, the YM and YW, and the neighbors, who lent a hand to set up, run the activities and clean up. I heard that it made everything run smoothly and allowed the event to go on without a hitch!

Thanks again,  
Bishop Graham



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### Sunday Service Program—March 28<sup>th</sup>

## GARDEN PARK WARD

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

*Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, 10am*

*Conducting..... Randy Peterson*  
*Organist..... Samuel Johnson*  
*Opening Hymn..... All Glory, Laud, and Honor, No. 69*  
*Invocation ..... TBA*  
*Ward Business ..... Randy Peterson*

*"I Feel My Savior's Love," "Jesus Is Risen" ..... Primary Choir*

*Youth Speaker..... Gabriel Johnson*

*"There Is a Green Hill Far Away" ..... Juliet Chapman, vocal solo  
Lois Waltman, piano accompaniment*

*Speaker ..... Roger Thompson*

*Closing Hymn..... Our Savior's Love, No. 113*

*Benediction..... TBA*

*Zoom broadcast is concluded*

*Sacrament Hymn ..... We'll Sing All Hail to Jesus' Name, No. 182*

*Administration of the Sacrament*

*"And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?  
And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."*

*—Matthew 21:10-11*

[Click here to join March 28<sup>th</sup> Sacrament Meeting](#)

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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 **April 18th** 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 Randy Baker as our presenter.

March 28, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

[Let God Prevail](#), by President Russell M. Nelson

[Click here to join the March 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

March 29–Christine Mitchell

March 30–Mae Harrison

March 31–John Jensen

### *April Birthdays*

April 1–Marni Chandler

April 2–Amy Davidson

April 2–Loy Mcgregor

April 2–Nicole Choules Paul

April 3–Oren Barry

April 4–Regan Anderson

April 5–Glenda Shenkal

April 6–Abram Johnson

April 8–Rick Fuller

April 8–Chris Furstenau

April 9–Melissa Totsky

April 9–Jon Penman

April 10–Brian Clinger

April 10–Joshua Stewart

April 12–Jeanette Church

April 18–Matt Lund

April 18–Randy Peterson

April 18–Lezlie Richardson

April 21–Daniel Bradley

April 21–Michael Stephens

April 23–Ellie Anderson

April 23–Rick Graham

April 24 - Madison Lechtenberg

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

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## Ward Announcements

**Neighborhood Easter Gifts** - For those helping distribute the neighborhood Easter gifts, please meet at the ward to pick up your route map and your items for delivery on Saturday morning, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 am (or Friday afternoon, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 4:00 pm, if that works better for you). Thank you for helping us wish the neighborhood a very Happy Easter!

**General Conference** - We welcome you to participate in the general conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints happening April 3-4, 2021. Join with millions worldwide to hear messages of love and hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information on the conference schedule and how to view the live stream sessions and recorded broadcasts click [here](#).

KSL news recently did some filing on the ward grounds as part of a broadcast that will be aired on **Sunday, April 4th at 12:30 p.m.**

**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 Scott Hagen, Stake Executive Secretary, to schedule an interview (801.824.0640).

**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.

**2021 Come Follow Me Manuals** The distribution of "Come, Follow Me" manuals for 2021 is underway. If you haven't received a manual and would like one please contact Ralph Robbins by text or phone, 801-664-6700.

There are many great resources available at [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.