

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

May 9, 2021



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Happy Mother's Day!

This week Cathy and I enjoyed a pre-Mother's Day outing to St. George. We celebrated with a return to Green Valley in St. George where my parents purchased a condo, many years ago, when Cathy and I were newlyweds. For our extended Graham family, the Green Valley Condo provided a place of wonderful family memories with one another between family prayers, and southern Utah delights. When our children and my siblings' children came along, it became a treasured space that bonded our families in love, laughter, light and joy.

As life and other responsibilities and opportunities kept us away in recent years, this trip felt like a homecoming away from home. We walked through old stomping grounds, and used the same "essential key card" to access activities, and chuckled about the same menacing prison like metal exit gate still keeping non-members out. We also noticed, among the much taller trees, and beautiful flora and fauna, new paint colors, new furnishings, and even pickle ball courts where only tennis courts stood before.

One afternoon, after a short hike, and swim, we couldn't find the "essential key card" where we thought we put it. We looked everywhere, and found other treasures in the deep recesses of sofas, drawers and under nooks, that generally looked immaculate. Finally after searching for almost two hours, without a better place to look, Cathy again checked the key's normal resting place, a hook on the north wall of the kitchen by a small bulletin board, to see if we might have missed it tucked under a flyer or HOA notice. No luck. But this time, as she turned toward the south wall, just opposite the bulletin board, on the hooks generally reserved for measuring cups, she saw the missing "essential key card pass," hiding in plain sight.

Probably prompted by a bit of frustration and plenty of wonderment at how we could have walked by that spot at least ten times in the last two hours and not seen the key, I couldn't help pondering beyond the moment at hand. I found myself thinking how the answer to life's challenges, lost keys, lost relationships, lost faith, lost opportunities, often hides in plain sight. Dangling nearby, in a familiar, if not quite the usual spot, the essential key card, hiding in plain sight, is waiting for us to discover. And it reminded me of one of my favorite poems by Carol Lynn Pearson, titled "Prayer":

This radio set,
Called prayer
Is designed
For remarkably
Simple repair.
When the lines fail,
There is no doubt
Which half
Of the set
Is out.

I am reminded that God is always there, hiding in plain sight, ready to help us find our way, through even the darkest of days, and to joy with us in our best moments. May we daily seek God's counsel and comfort. With love and blessings,

Bishop Rick Graham and the Garden Park Ward bishopric

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Sunday Service Program—May 9th

GARDEN PARK WARD

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

May 9, 2021, 10am

Conducting.....	Chris Furstenau
Organist.....	Judianne Peterson
Opening Hymn.....	Love One Another, No. 308
Invocation	TBA
Ward Business	Brother Furstenau
Speaker	Cheryl Fuller
Musical Number	"Love at Home" Judianne Peterson, Bel Kerig, Rick Gaykowski & Roger Thompson
Speaker	Rick Fuller
Closing Hymn	True to the Faith, No. 254
Benediction.....	RBA

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn	In Humility, Our Savior, No. 172
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Administration of the Sacrament

*"To all of our mothers everywhere, past, present, or future, I say,
"Thank you. Thank you for giving birth, for shaping souls,
for forming character, and for demonstrating the pure love of Christ."
To Mother Eve, to Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel, to Mary of Nazareth, and to a Mother in Heaven, I say,
"Thank you for your crucial role in fulfilling the purposes of eternity."
To all mothers in every circumstance, including those who struggle—and all will—I say,
"Be peaceful. Believe in God and yourself. You are doing better than you think you are. In fact, you are
saviors on Mount Zion, and like the Master you follow, your love 'never faileth.'"
— Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, Behold Thy Mother, General Conference, October 2015*

[Click here to join May 9th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society

In Brent Wilson's fine church talk a couple of weeks ago he gave the analogy of women/mothers being key players like the queen in a chess game. I have been pondering how that has played out in my life.

Typical of her era, my mother was willing to take a back seat to my dad's accolades and accomplishments and let him "run the show"... to a point. But I easily remembered examples of her making queen moves. I'd like to share one.

Back in the day...(before sun screen and skin cancer) we valued having a suntan so much that we had "sun lamps". A sunlamp was an 8" round extra strong lightbulb that would give you a tan. (Or in my case a burn that might turn into a tan) When I was a young teenager I had borrowed one from my friend and was using it on the couch when it suddenly went out. I thought it was probably broken and left to do something else. To my horror, when I returned to the couch there was a perfectly round 8" burn hole in the cushion! I felt terrible anguish about it and went upstairs to confess to my mother. Mom came downstairs, picked up the cushion, turned it over and tucked it back into place. She smiled and said, "Your Dad will never know." Instant forgiveness! (Not what I was expecting) The relief was fantastic! (And she was right! Dad didn't learn about it until we moved the loveseat to the cabin...15 years later...way too late for punishment.)

My guess is that most of us can pull up a happy or comforting memory of a mothering soul as well as provide the same for the next generation.

"To all mothers in every circumstance, including those who struggle - and all will -I say, Be peaceful. Believe in God and yourself.' YOU ARE DOING BETTER THAN YOU THINK YOU ARE."

Jeffrey R. Holland

Happy Mothers Day from Kathy and the Relief Society Presidency

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Elders Quorum

WOMAN EXALTED
by Zina Y. Brown

Ye chosen ones to bear the Gods of heaven and earth,
List to his word:
"Man is not without the woman in the Lord,"
Think ye then that Gods are half-Gods, not whole,
And reign, and make these orbs of light, and live incomplete, alone,
And in Celestial might make harmony with harps half-strung?
The answer's thine already. Thou has it in thy heart.

'Twas Mary knew from angel bright that she was
Chosen to clothe the Spirit of our Lord. Her heart
Sang its exquisite joy! Told she this to the other
Honored of the Lord - And found believing response from this
Her woman kin.

Followers of our Savior and his church were women not a few.
How great their love, how complete their trust in Him!
E'en when the cross the Son and Master bore, and lifted, tortured,
Broke the chains that bound the mortal man and bade Him sleep forever.
How great I say, in that trusting humility like unto a child's,
How supreme!

Last at the cross were they - first at the tomb -
Heralds of the Risen Lord.

"Not honored," say you, and "beneath your brother man?"
Open thine eyes and see what place is given thee, O woman fair!
Hold high thy head to wear its crown. Kneel thou, too, in
Reverence to thy Lord. For thank offering remember thou his word -
"O, by ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."
Prepare thy souls to bear the souls of men.

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WOMAN EXALTED (*continued*)

When the spirits of the dark shall stalk the earth to stay His second coming's time,
Fear not to array thyself in armor white, as symbol of thy state.
And rise in power and womanhood! At the portal of thy home
Guard that which is dearer than life itself. By thy companion's side.
Uphold him in his priesthood and godly power.

Remember, thou art high priestess of the home - the home,
The heart of all the world, and the altar at his throne.
The heart of whose throbbing life holds in its power, the molding of good or ill.
And sends forth the sinner or the saint, or weak ones 'tween the two.
Sends mortal clad spirit, born of woman, to sow discord, hate and greed.

Or be messengers of light, who seek to guide their fellows
Back to Him, where only harmonies abide.
O be ye strong, and let not the weak ones grope and find him not.
Be thou a woman whole and pure, with that militant love
That fights for her own, and God's.

Take then thy seat in nations great and small.
Still not thy voice when its clarion call should speak for Him
To thy sisterhood the world around.
Thou champions of righteousness, thou mother of His little ones,
Thou believers of His word. Lend to his priesthood
The powers of purity and love that falter not.
And that faith that makes their faith more strong.

Daughters of Zion, ye mothers of men, hold fast these gifts of thy calling great
Lest they be lost - these priceless pearls of purity and purpose holy.
Know ye not that thy place is at the side, and not below
This companion to whom thou are given of the Lord?
Thou woman exalted, thou first to forgive and last to forsake,
Thou priestess queen -
Thank thy God who made thee thus, that thou was born
A Woman.

As quoted in Eternal Quest by Hugh B. Brown pg 170-171; Bookcraft, Inc., Salt Lake City

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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 16th** 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 President Doug Bunker as our presenter.

May 9, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

["The Personal Journey of a Child of God"](#) by Elder Neil L. Anderson

[Click here to join the May 9th 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!

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

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

Ward Grounds Access Hours Please note that effective immediately the gates to the ward grounds will be kept locked Monday–Friday from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Seminary Graduation will be held Sunday, May 23rd at 8:00 p.m. in the Bonneville Glen. Congratulations to graduates & their families!

Stake Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th from 2:00–7:00 p.m. If you're willing and able to donate you can make an appointment through the Red Cross site by [clicking here](#) and enter the sponsor code **"Bonneville"** or call 800-733-2767. Thank you for your consideration; there is an increased need for donation during this pandemic time.

Service Missionaries Needed The Welfare Square Cannery has an urgent need for service missionary/missionaries to serve 2+ days per week. The available shifts are as follows:

March–September

(non applesauce production)

Shift 1: 7:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Shift 2: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Clean Up Crew: 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

October–February

(applesauce production)

Shift 1: 7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Shift 2: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Shift 3: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Shift 4: 12:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Clean Up Crew: 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

If anyone is interested please apply as service missionaries through the following link:

[Welfare Square Cannery Service Missionary Application](#)

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.

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