

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 1, 2020



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Brothers and Sisters,

The brethren have emphasized the importance of hearing the Lord in our daily lives, the Prophet taught we need to learn to "Hear Him." I have really enjoyed the different social media posts by the brethren that explain their own personal way that they hear Him.

In a recent Instagram post by the prophet he says to live each day so that we are more prepared to meet our Maker. It's a good reminder to strengthen ourselves spiritually we need work at it every day just like anything else we want to strengthen, we need to practice daily.

In 3rd Nephi 27:29 it reads "Therefore, ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for he that asketh, receiveth; and unto him that knocketh, it shall be opened." The power of prayer will help us strengthen ourselves spiritually and prepare us to meet our Maker. We invite you to make a goal to pray daily and feel the power of heaven open unto you.

God bless you all!

Chris Furstenau and the Garden Park Bishopric

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Sunday Service Program—November 1st

Dear Garden Park Ward,

Like many of you, we continue to watch the rising infection rates and want to do all we can to help our community mitigate the spread. After much deliberation and in consultation with the stake presidency, we have decided to hold testimony meeting via Zoom broadcast tomorrow, November 1st.

Those conducting and offering prayers will be present in the chapel.

Testimony meeting participants will be invited to bear their testimonies over Zoom.

We know this news will be disappointing to some of you, as it is to us, but we hope this approach will allow us all to enjoy a sacrament meeting experience while also reducing risk of infection spread.

Please join us for a Zoom testimony meeting on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Garden Park Ward bishopric

[Click here to join November 1st Testimony Meeting](#)

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
GARDEN PARK WARD
✻ Sacrament Meeting Program ✻

November 1, 2020, 10am

For all families on Zoom

Conducting *Chris Furstenau*
Organist *Samuel Johnson*
Opening Hymn (organ only) *Jesus, Lover of My Soul, No. 102*
Invocation *Jared Hobbs*
Ward Business *Brother Furstenau*

Bearing of Testimonies

Closing Hymn (organ only) *Thy Spirit, Lord, Has Stirred Our Souls, No. 157*
Benediction *Jenny Hobbs*

Zoom broadcast is concluded

*"Truly, there is no other way to heal the wounds of broken relationships or of a fractured society than for each of us to more fully emulate the Prince of Peace."
-- Elder Scott D. Whiting, Becoming like Him, Oct 2020 General Conference*

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Elders Quorum

Dear Brothers,

We hope you are making the best of this time. It is still strange and troubling at times. It may also provide opportunities to strengthen family ties, reach out to friends and neighbors, and grow closer to the Savior. It seems to me that some things are harder to do, like reaching out to all of you and letting you know of our concern and hope for your safety, financial stability, and spiritual enrichment, among other things. Life can be overwhelming at times, and we understand that. With that understanding and an appreciation for all you have to deal with, we encourage you to reach out to your ministering families. It would be great if you could send a text message or make a phone call to let them know you are thinking of them. If you are aware of any needs that we could help with, please let us know. The real strength of an elders quorum comes from the love and unity we feel for one another. Please know that we love you and pray for you and your families.

Doug Bunker and the Elders Quorum Presidency

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We always need volunteers to help with ward lockup. Feel free to split the duties with another brother, one could do the morning opening and one could lock up at night. We'll provide keys!
- There are some welfare assignments that have been scheduled but with the recent COVID-19 upswing, they may be cancelled. The next welfare assignment is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Welfare Square Cannery (Applesauce) for 5 people. We will keep you posted regarding cancellations.
- Our most senior quorum member, Emery Nelson, is in poor health. He is accepting visitors, but call first.
- Ed Firmage, a former ward member, has passed away. The funeral, a small family gathering, was already held.

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Young Women

Looking a few weeks ahead, the Young Women's organization is celebrating its 150th anniversary in a churchwide "Face to Face event" on **November 15, 2020**. The celebration includes a "My 150" challenge, described in the link and excerpt from the announcement, below:

"Leaders are encouraging young women around the world to think of an activity they can do related to 150 to commemorate the anniversary. 'Maybe you will choose to read 150 pages of scripture or index [family history] 150 names....You may decide to share 150 smiles or 150 encouraging texts or social media posts with friends who need a lift or a boost. Or maybe you'll join with other youth in your ward and take 150 names to the temple for [proxy] baptisms as soon as we are able to return to those sacred spaces.'"

[Young Women Organization Celebrates 150 Years in 2020](#)

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Primary

For any that may have missed the Primary Program or would like to see it again it is posted on our Garden Park Primary private Facebook page or you can text or call Rheim at 801-259-7835 and we will get you a link.

Thank you for your sweet children's participation!!

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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Relief Society and features Emily Lund as our presenter.

November 1, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

[Do Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with God](#) by Elder Dale G. Renlund

Garden Park Ward is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

[Click here to join November 1st Ward Zoom Meeting](#)

If you're having challenges connecting to Zoom here's a link to a tutorial to help get connected <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>.

We miss you and hope to see you on Sunday!

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Happy Birthday!

November 2—Kathy Campbell
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November 3—Steven Baugh
November 8—Hannah Donohoe
November 8—Bruce Hekeia
November 8—Mia Merchant
November 9—Marissa Fisher
November 10—Elsie Merchant
November 10—Mori Paulsen
November 12—Jeff Merchant
November 14—Roger Thompson
November 14—Vanessa Walsh
November 15—Michael Paulsen
November 17—Kara Christensen

November 18—Sherry Baugh
November 19—Carlie Kamerath
November 20—Max Smith
November 20—Anne Woolstenhulme
November 21—Colleen Stevens
November 22—Craig Etherington
November 23—Carolyn Sherman
November 24—Logan Young
November 25—Ronalee Baker
November 25—Valentino Carmine Ruiz
November 26—Matthew Blaser
November 27—Jim Duke
November 28—Theresa Duke
November 30—Rob Jones

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Ward Announcements

- ◆ Young Adult Devotional with Elder & Sister Gary Stevenson on November 1st at 6:00 p.m. (MST)
[Click here to access the live devotional](#)
- ◆ **We need your help taking turns to lock up our grounds!!!!** Please contact Doug Bunker if you might be able to join him on the ward lock-up list. Please call him at 801.910.7128, or email him at doug_bunker9@gmail.com.
- ◆ The Bountiful temple is performing live ordinances *by appointment only*. Please refer to the [church website](#) for more details and updates on ongoing changes.
- ◆ **Sacrament Administration** from our Area President, Elder Holzapfel: "The sacrament can be offered to families who have not had the opportunity in their homes . . . The First Presidency has authorized the administration of the sacrament at least monthly." The sacrament may still be blessed and passed by your own family members that are able to do so. If you would like the sacrament brought to your home, please contact Relief Society President Kathy Younker (801.971.1504) or Elders' Quorum President Doug Bunker (801.910.7128), and they will help make arrangements for you to receive it.
- ◆ Although Garden Park Ward building is closed for ward activities, we understand that families occasionally use the gym for their family activities of fewer than 10 people. When using the ward building for family activities please bring a garbage bag from home and take home with you any trash that you may create, i.e. wrappers, paper towels, etc. We do not want garbage to accumulate while we are not on our normal cleaning routine. The bathroom under the stage may be used if necessary. Please wipe down all door knobs, and surfaces that you touch with the wipes on the kitchen counter, before and after use. Thank you for keeping each other safe.
- ◆ Temple recommends continue to be available. Even though temples are currently closed, our Stake Presidency is encouraging all 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 at (801) 599-8175 to set up a phone interview with the Bishop. In addition, for years the Stake Presidency followed a practice of first come first serve for temple recommend interviews on Sunday afternoons. They have eliminated that practice during the pandemic. The current procedure, which is in effect until further notice, is for the member to contact either President Parker or President Patch and directly schedule a renewal interview. They should contact them via cell phone, by sending a text message. (Their numbers are in LDS Tools.)
- ◆ There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.