

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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Dear Garden Park Ward,

In my favorite scene from the 1993 movie *Shadowlands*, C. S. (Jack) Lewis's wife Joy is dying of cancer, and after some harrowing days, she shows signs of improvement. Jack's friend Harry congratulates him on the progress:

Harry: "I know how hard you've been praying; and now God is answering your prayers."

Jack: "That's not why I pray, Harry. I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God, it changes me."

Prayer certainly can work miracles in our lives, and often, the greatest miracles involve how prayer changes us during the most challenging of circumstances. "A new heart ... will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh" (Ezekiel 36:26).

As a bishopric, we know many in our ward family are dealing with sickness, loneliness, worry, and discouragement. We pray all of us will be blessed with the fortitude and eternal perspective to navigate these challenging times, and that like Jack, our hearts will be changed for the better through prayerful perseverance.

Warmly,  
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric

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## Sunday Service Program—November 15<sup>th</sup>

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 and reduce the risk to the most vulnerable among us.

We are broadcasting tomorrow's Sacrament Service and hope you can join us via Zoom. Those conducting and offering prayers, speaking, or performing music, will be attending in the chapel. Please continue to perform the Sacrament Ordinance in your homes. The broadcast does not include the Sacrament Ordinance.

We trust this approach will allow us all to enjoy a sacrament meeting experience while also reducing risk of infection spread. We look forward to the time when we can all meet together in our Chapel again.

Please join us Sunday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m. using the link below, as we look forward to hearing messages from Lezlie & Paul Richardson.

[Click here to join November 15th Sunday Meeting](#)

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

*November 15, 2020, 10am*

*For all families on Zoom*

*Conducting ..... Randy Peterson*  
*Organist ..... Samuel Johnson*  
*Opening Hymn (organ only) ..... Lord, I Would Follow Thee, No. 220*  
*Invocation ..... Ian Gillette*  
*Ward Business ..... Brother Peterson*

*"I Am a Child of God" ..... Mae, Eva, & Lulu Harrison*

*Speaker ..... Lezlie Richardson*

*"If You Could Hie to Kolob" ..... Jennie Wilson, piano*

*arranged by Marshall McDonald*

*Speaker ..... Paul Richardson*

*Closing Hymn (organ only) ..... Now Thank We All Our God, No. 95*

*Benediction ..... Karli Gillette*

*Zoom broadcast is concluded*

*"For verily, verily I say unto you,  
he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me,  
but is of the devil, who is the father of contention,  
and he stirreth up the hearts of men  
to contend with anger, one with another."*

*3 Nephi 11:29*

*-- quoted by President Dallin H. Oaks,  
Love Your Enemies, Oct 2020 General Conference*

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## Relief Society

Dear Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well. Life is getting a little more tricky everyday; now we have a mandate to stay home and wear masks for the next two weeks. We encourage everyone to stay safe and pray for each other. Our Heavenly Father will protect us but we need to do our part.

This week I have been having a lot of personal revelation about my life and my family. Personal prayers have been answered in the best possible way; I am thankful for that. We all get personal revelations in different ways. There are seasons in our lives in which we get more personal revelation, and other times, it gets quiet. The Holy Spirit is the facilitator for us to receive personal revelation. The Holy Spirit is here to bring us comfort and peace.

In this time of uncertainty we need to have more open communications with our Heavenly Father to get guidance. "God shall give unto you knowledge by his Holy Spirit" ([D&C 121:26](#)). Elder Lionel Kendrick of the First Quorum of the Seventy wrote, "The Holy Ghost will reveal the will of the Lord to us. In answer to our prayers the Holy Ghost will (1) comfort us (see [Moroni 8:26](#)); (2) enlighten us (see [D&C 6:15](#)); (3) inspire us (see [D&C 68:3-4](#)); (4) lead us (see [D&C 20:45](#)); and (5) teach us (see [D&C 28:1](#), [D&C 36:2](#), [D&C 75:10](#))."

Since we are pretty much stuck at home due to the coronavirus, right now is the perfect opportunity to open the door for more revelation. The world is changing and our Father in Heaven needs us to be ready.

Abrazos,

Jenny Hobbs

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## Young Women

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](#)

This **Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m.** , we will have a **Joint Zoom Game Night with the Young Men**. Join us for the rematch :) !!

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## Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Elders Quorum and features Randy Baker as our presenter.

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

[Ask, Seek, and Knock](#) by Milton Camargo, *First Counselor in the Sunday School General Presidency*

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

[Click here to join November 15th 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  
November 2—Elias Johnson  
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

- ◆ Welcome home Elder Bergen from the California Roseville and the Chile Concepción South Missions. He served an outstanding mission, and we look forward to his report next week, Sunday, November 22, in Sacrament meeting.
- ◆ Blessings and warm wishes to two beloved couples in their new assignments: Darrell and Sheila Privett as Service Volunteers in the Church History Library; and Missy and Doran Taylor as Service Missionaries assigned to the Salt Lake Inner City Service Mission. Congratulations!
- ◆ **Thank you for your help taking turns to lock up our grounds! Please continue your invaluable support!** Please contact Doug Bunker if you are able to join him on the ward lock-up list. Please call him at 801.910.7128, or email him at [dougjunkerg@gmail.com](mailto:dougjunkerg@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 great resources available at [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.