

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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Dear Garden Park brothers and sisters,

It seems we could all use a good dose of hope right now. The year I graduated from college, Elder Russell M. Nelson visited BYU and gave a talk entitled "A More Excellent Hope." In it, he noted that "Even the privileges of a democracy carry the burden of bickering in election campaigns. Contention is all about us. Ours is a pessimistic and cynical world—one that, to a great extent, has no hope in Christ nor in God's plan for human happiness." But he also taught:

A more excellent hope is mightier than a wistful wish. Hope, fortified by faith and charity, forges a force as strong as steel. Hope becomes an anchor to the soul. To this anchor, the faithful can cling, securely tethered to the Lord. Satan, on the other hand, would have us cast away that anchor and drift with the ebb tide of despair. If we will cling to the anchor of hope, it will be our safeguard *forever*.

A scripture declares:

*Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God, which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast. [Ether 12:4; see also v. 9 and Hebrews 6:19]*

If you're feeling ground down by the world, we encourage you to make some time this week to study the principle of hope through the scriptures and church website. It will help you tighten your grasp on the more excellent hope that comes from Christ.

Warmly,

Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Ward bishopric

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## Sunday Service Program—October 25th

Dear Garden Park Ward,

Like many of you, we have been watching 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 sacrament meeting via Zoom broadcast tomorrow, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Those conducting, speaking, and offering prayers will be present in the chapel, but we ask that everyone else tune in electronically through the Zoom link below.

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. Ron and Mary Hale will be speaking, so it should be an excellent meeting. Please join us via Zoom!

Garden Park Ward bishopric

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

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

*October 25, 2020, 10am  
For families K-Z*

*Conducting ..... Randy Peterson*  
*Organist ..... Judianne Peterson*  
*Opening Hymn (organ only) ..... Truth Reflects upon Our Senses, No. 273*  
*Invocation ..... TBA*  
*Ward Business ..... Brother Peterson*  
  
*Speaker ..... Mary Hale*  
  
*Speaker ..... Ron Hale*  
  
*Closing Hymn (organ only) ..... Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel, No. 252*  
*Benediction ..... TBA*

*Zoom broadcast is concluded*

*Sacrament Hymn (organ only) ..... Reverently and Meekly Now, No. 185*

*Administration of the Sacrament*

*"In the household of faith there are to be no strangers, no foreigners, no rich and poor, no outside 'others.' As 'fellowcitizens with the saints,' we are invited to change the world for the better, from the inside out, one person, one family, one neighborhood at a time."  
-- Elder Gerrit W. Gong, All Nations, Kindreds, and Tongues, Oct 2020 General Conference*

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## Relief Society

Dear Sisters,

I have been thinking a lot about faith, our free agency, and why bad things happen to good people. Last week, Patrick Donohoe was giving a talk in sacrament meeting and he said "religion is full of paradoxes". That thought made me think about all the things we do in the name of being correct which end up hurting others more than helping them.

We all have our free agency and that is part of the plan. Free agency consequently brings actions that can affect people in a positive and negative way. It is not Heavenly Father who is causing bad things to happen to us. It is ourselves.

We are taught that before the world was created, we existed and we had free agency. In that existence, our Heavenly Father was presented two plans to allow us to become like Him:

Satan's Plan	Jesus's Plan
A plan that would have taken away our free agency and will secure our salvation (Moses 4:1)	This plan will allow us to have free agency and provide us with a savior to wash our sin, so we can become like Heavenly Father (See Joseph Fielding Smith, <i>Doctrines of Salvation</i> , comp. Bruce R. McConkie [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1954–56], 1:64, 70.)

*Wherefore, men are free according to the flesh; and all things are given them which are expedient unto man. And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great Mediator of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil; for he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself. [2 Nephi 2:26–27]*

Heavenly Father rejected Satan's plan. Many of our brothers and sisters agreed with Satan and followed him. Those spirits were exercising their free agency. Consequently, they lost the opportunity to have a body and come to Earth. That was their choice.

Elder Dallin H. Oaks said in a talk about free agency and freedom, "our free agency is a God given precondition of the purpose of mortal life, no person or organization can take away our free agency in mortality (October 11, 1987)".

We might not agree with the way other people live their lives, and that is okay. But, we must allow them to exercise their free agency. I see this with subjects like being pro-life vs pro-choice, being a conservative vs being a progressive vs being a moderate, BYU vs Utah... and so on. Let's love each other by being good, fair, and kind to all as our Brother and Father in Heaven are to us.

Abrazos,  
Jenny Hobbs  
Relief Society Second Counselor

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## Young Women

We have our **Sunday Zoom** meeting **this week**, Sunday, October 25, at **12:30**, and Regan will give our spiritual thought -- thank you Regan! Zoom info below:

Topic: YW Sunday Zoom

Time: Oct 25, 2020 12:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74531463594?pwd=NFc4ZnJCSUgyK0JMd2tleMxTERYQT09>

Meeting ID: 745 3146 3594

Passcode: Hs7EsF

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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## Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Sunday School and features Diane Etherington as our presenter.

**October 25, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.**

Come Follow Me: [3 Nephi 27—4 Nephi](#) "There Could Not Be a Happier People"

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

[Click here to join October 25th 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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## 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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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1—Gloria Rae Hanni  
October 2—Amy Furstenau  
October 2—Elle Moore  
October 3—Karli Gillette  
October 5—Alexander Crotchett  
October 6—Taylor Johnson  
October 6—Marilyn Rasmuson  
October 6—Ben Younker  
October 7—Jenny Hobbs  
October 7—James Terry  
October 12—Gary Davis  
October 12—Maggie Wilson  
October 13—Whitney Hanssen  
October 13—Barbara Lund  
October 13—Vivienne Patch  
October 14—Jacquie Mena  
October 15—Rose Davis  
October 15—Rich Patch  
October 16—Randy Baker

October 16—Dominic Mattson  
October 17—Graham Patch  
October 18—Jill Hennessey  
October 18—Michelle Jones  
October 19—Michael Campbell  
October 22—Roman Patch  
October 23—Alan Gourley  
October 23—Carol Naylor  
October 23—William Sproul  
October 23—Jan Wilson  
October 24—Ryan Crotchett  
October 24—Craig Galli  
October 24—Janet Romney  
October 25—Grace Kerig  
October 26—Spencer Ashby  
October 26—Jane Wilson  
October 27—Mario Hobbs  
October 29—Paul Werner  
October 30—Susan Earl

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## Ward Announcements

- ◆ **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 [dougbunker9@gmail.com](mailto:dougbunker9@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](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.