

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

September 27, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

I love sports, especially basketball. I love watching the masters of the game. I love playing. I love the feeling of a leather ball in my hands, the freedom of running back and forth on the wood floors of gyms, and dribbling the ball. I love the magic that teamwork creates with assists, power plays through positioning and anticipating opponents moves, and executing shots of nothing but net. I cannot remember a time in my life without basketball.

It taught me to build relationships with teammates, opponents, coaches, and spectators. I treasure the master mentors who gave generously of their time and talents to build others' skills and character. I learned from those who could win graciously, and those who could lose with a smile, seeming resolved to grow from defeat. I built friendships that continue to enrich my life. Much of my play centered on the LDS church sports program.

Years ago, our faith created vigorous sports programs to build community bridges, relationships among young people, and plant seeds of faith. It created connections and built testimonies of the gospel.

One of my favorite memories was as a twelve-year old when my brother Gary, and my future brother-in-law, Geoff Orme, played on the Garden Park Ward team that went to the finals of All Church. Basketball teams came from all over the US. They played in the Einer Neilsen Fieldhouse up at the University of Utah, across from where the Rice Eccles Stadium now stands. On that day, Gary sat mostly on the bench. But Geoff Orme at 6' 5" played nearly every minute, as did the other older young men I admired. Even so they lost.

A few years later, in one of the last All Church tournaments, my Garden Park Ward basketball team played. Not blessed with Gary's bench power, Geoff's height, or Michael Jordan's shot, I focused on making assists. We still lost in an early round. I was so furious that I screamed and kicked the bleacher hard enough to injure my big toe through my shoe. There on the bench, watching my tirade, sat two of our biggest supporters and mentors, our Stake President and future prophet, President Nelson, with our Bishop, my dad.

Maybe such displays are why our church no longer hosts All Church tournaments. But we continue to build communities where teamwork, dedication, opportunity, hard work, skill building, mentoring, examples of gracious success and dedication to learning from our mistakes, and where service and community shape us. I still love basketball, but I love more the character and testimony its rigors and mentors wrote on my heart.

I cannot count the life-assists I witness in our neighborhood and ward, especially during this past year, filled with Covid-19, earthquakes and the like. Most recently, many teams of folks helped clean up after the windstorm. Yesterday alone, members of our neighborhood and ward individually and together, gathered wood for Navajo families from communities far from ours. Others helped neighbors who needed assistance clearing the windstorm debris from their back yards. Others drove around and picked up debris.

You are the light in my world. As you follow the Savior in your service to one another, I see that you have the light of life. It is my prayer that we may continue to transcend the incivility and darkness around us as we continue to serve and love one another.

Warmly,
Bishop Graham for the Garden Park Ward Bishopric

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Garden Park Ward Council Announcement

Welcome back to Garden Park Ward Sacrament Service. Please see our accompanying bulletin for today's program.

We want to share our plans for today, so that we can all work together to make it a wonderful new beginning.

A few of you are wondering if you should be attending Sacrament Meeting at the ward or via the broadcast. Our Area Presidency has recently counseled us that, *"Members at higher risk due to age or underlying medical conditions may not be able to attend in person but should participate via the broadcast."* We trust each of you to self identify whether or not you are in the Covid 19 high-risk categories of health condition or age.

Our first back-in-building Sacrament Meeting will be held today, Sunday, September 27, at 10:00 am for approximately forty minutes. It will be broadcast live via zoom, except for the Administration of the Sacrament, which will be administered after the closing prayer.

To help us meet as safely as possible, we are taking the following precautions:

Masks— required for all attendees two years of age and above. We will have masks at each door if you need one.

Seating—will be ushered, so please arrive early. Families will be seated together, and at minimum, six feet from others.

Low numbers—we divided our ward into two roughly equal groups to by families' last names. Group 1 is A through J. Group 2 is K through Z.

Only one meeting room—the chapel is the only meeting room that will be used. It is being sanitized before and after each use. We will enter and exit through the Chapel doors on the North and South side of the Chapel where ushers will direct us to our seats. Socially distanced visiting is welcome outside on the grounds as desired.

The foyer bathroom will be available for emergency use only. Please prevent as many emergencies as possible by taking care of things at home before you come.

Sacrament Administration—heightened sanitation and distribution methods will be used.

Instrumental music only. Please let Roger Thompson know if you are available and interested in sharing at a future Sacrament meeting.

Anyone with cough, sore throat, fever, headache, illness of any type, please do not attend.

Our first two meetings back together will be Testimony meetings, and we invite you to come prepared to share as you feel prompted. Today is also Fast day.

Group 1 is invited to attend today, Sunday, September 27, and Group 2 is invited to attend October 11, the week after General Conference. We will alternate weekly after that.

As noted in the Program, the Administration of the Sacrament will take place at the conclusion of the Benediction, and the Bishopric will invite members of the congregation to assist. Gloves and sanitizer will be provided.

A Zoom Ward Presentation will follow at approximately 11:15 am. Both the Sacrament Meeting link and the Ward Zoom Presentation links are in this Ward Newsletter.

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Sacrament Service Program—September 27th

Please click on the following link to join the September 27th Testimony Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96489180794>

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

*September 27, 2020, 10am
For families A-J*

*Conducting Chris Furstenuau
Organist Samuel Johnson
Opening Hymn (organ only) Be Still My Soul, No. 124
Invocation TBA
Ward Business Brother Furstenuau*

Bearing of Testimonies

*Closing Hymn (organ only) Come Unto Jesus, No. 117
Benediction TBA*

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn (organ only) There Is a Green Hill Far Away, No. 194

Administration of the Sacrament

*"I testify that "thru cloud and sunshine" the Lord will abide with us,
that our "afflictions [can be] swallowed up in the joy of Christ."
-- Sister Reyna I. Aburto, October 2019 General Conference.*

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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Sunday School and features Missy & Doran Taylor as our Presenters.

September 27, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

Come Follow Me: [3 Nephi 12-16](#) "I Am the Law, and The Light"

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

<https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fj%2F94980246153%3Fpwd%3DMENJTIp3UHJJRTYwZUYrNIpnWFdoZz09&data=02%7C01%7Cwcarroll%40myriad.com%7Cb5f8e09d719743c01f1808d86289d8d2%7Cf2d22b33b2fe4c0c8f5f221652c60157%7C0%7C0%7C637367691629334756&sdata=FvhVnlvXnRdoZ3U1QTQHudrLzi09yP4qb4wq626hrmU%3D&reserved=0>

Meeting ID: 949 8024 6153

Passcode: 797199

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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

September 27—Tammy Castleforte
September 27—Nicholas Hammond
September 29—Brittany Hailes
September 30—Brandon Bennett
September 30—Natalie Peterson
September 30—Barbara Ralphs

October Birthdays

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
October 31—Margot Butler
October 31—Tia Harrison

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Ward Announcements

- ◆ **City tree and debris clean up** information can be found on the city's website, slc.gov/wind-damage-faqs. The city will be collecting private trees & debris from curbside as soon as they can, hopefully beginning next week. In addition, the City landfill is free for bulk green waste starting September 9 for 2 weeks.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.