

Garden Park Ward Newsletter



January 3, 2021

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Dear Garden Park Ward,

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed a peaceful and uplifting Christmas and New Year's Day. As a bishopric, we are looking forward to what we hope will be a fantastic year for the Garden Park Ward, including resumption of some of our favorite traditions from the past and finding new ways to serve, worship, and recreate together.

One of my guilty pleasures during these holidays has been watching a TV series called *Alone*. At the beginning of each season, ten individuals are dropped into remote locations, alone, with only a few essential survival items. The individuals have to survive alone where they are dropped for as long as they can, building their own shelters and scavenging their own food. Contestants face brutal weather, long periods of hunger, and the mental strain of being alone. When they just can't take it anymore, a call on the satellite phone brings the crew to pick them up. The last remaining contestant receives a large cash prize.

What makes the show compelling for me is the profound appreciation the contestants gain for things they had previously taken for granted. After weeks with very little to eat, some contestants are brought to tears of gratitude when they catch a mouse or a squirrel to eat. Others are caught off guard by how much they miss human companionship and end up forfeiting the \$500,000 prize because they decide human companionship is worth more to them than the money.

Although less extreme than the arctic, 2020 gave us all a profound appreciation for things we had previously taken for granted. One thing that makes me optimistic about 2021 is that we enter it more determined to be grateful for everything we have, and more convinced we shouldn't face our challenges alone. As President Nelson has said, "Counting our blessings is far better than recounting our problems. No matter our situation, showing gratitude for our privileges is a unique, fast-acting, and long-lasting spiritual prescription."

Our associations with you are among the things for which we are most grateful and that have sustained us during a challenging 2020. Thank you for your kindness, your service, and your friendship. We look forward to being your fellow travelers through the ups and downs of 2021.

Warmly,
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric

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Sunday Service Announcement—January 3rd

The health and safety of our most vulnerable ward members continues to be our top priority. We continue to make periodic adjustments to procedures in response to changing conditions and guidance from church and government leaders. Most recently, we moved to broadcasting church services from the chapel, with the vast majority of ward members participating from home via zoom. The feedback we received has been largely positive, with most participants enjoying the opportunity to worship with all family members in the safety and comfort of their homes.

We have received instruction from stake leadership to provide the option to attend in person for those who wish. In response, those wishing to attend church in the chapel are invited to do so. We will continue to broadcast Sacrament meeting via zoom. Given the very high coronavirus transmission rate, we anticipate that the vast majority of us will elect to continue participating via zoom for now, but anyone wishing to attend in person will be most welcome.

So we can plan accordingly, if you would like to attend Sacrament meeting in the chapel, please let a member of the bishopric know by call or text. Those attending will need to observe infection control measures including social distancing, wearing face masks, using hand hygiene, staying home while ill.

Whether you join by zoom or in person, we look forward to worshipping with you.

Bishop Graham, 801.514.7994
Randy Peterson, 781.720.9108
Chris Furstenuau, 801.330.1968
Mark Hindley, 801.599.8175

[Click here to join January 3rd Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Sunday Service Program—January 3rd

GARDEN PARK WARD

-Sacrament Meeting Program-

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

January 3, 2021, 10am

Conducting Randy Peterson
Organist Samuel Johnson
Opening Hymn (organ only) Come, Follow Me, No. 116
Invocation TBA
Ward Business Brother Peterson

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

Drawing near to the Lord brings comfort and encouragement, hope and healing.

*So, we pray in His name about our worries and our weaknesses,
our longings and our loved ones, our callings and our questions.*

Then we listen.

*-- President Russell M. Nelson,
Grow into the Principle of Revelation*

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Relief Society

From Stake Relief Society President, WenDee Russon:

I love and admire each one of you so much and you are all in my daily prayers. This year has been completely out of all of our comfort zones. We have each had to figure out our best way to reach and teach and comfort all the sisters that we have under our wings. I pray more than anything that when this pandemic is over and we can all emerge from our shells, that we will be better than before. I hope our testimonies are strengthened and our love for our families and our ward families is stronger. I hope that we will be grateful for small things like toilet paper and large things like our comfortable homes and plenty of food to eat. I pray that we will never again take going to church or the temple for granted. I'm more aware this Christmas season that there are so many around us that are hurting and my heart overflows with compassion. I hope and pray that you are all well, in both mind and body and that you are finding joy in this beautiful season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hopefully we will be face to face before too long!
All my love WenDee



[In remembrance of Dayle White 1940-2020](#)

Following are excerpts from Bishop Graham's funeral service remarks:

"I did not know Dayle well, but I felt her love through Clyde. He is a friend that has loved and served my family as our Ward minister.

I would like to share an experience where Dayle inspired me. All of us know of Dayle's support, passion and dedicated devotion to historical organizations; local, national and international, and it brought Dayle and me together. As a SL City administrator Dayle contacted me to alert me that the City needed to meet its historic obligation to honor, preserve and to recognize the significant contributions Mormon pioneer women played in founding, settling and building up the Salt Lake valley. She moved me to action.

In a very formal and professional way she kind of took me behind the woodshed. She inspired me to a visit with Daughters of the Utah Pioneer leadership and to take a personal tour of the DUP History Museum. I happened to see Dayle and Clyde at Church shortly after receiving her letter and I shared with her about what I could do to engage the City and my staff. I remember the sweet searching look she gave me, and I could not let her down.

Dayle spent a good part of her own life celebrating, sharing and memorializing the legacy of many women and men who made significant contributions in their families, their communities, their countries and in their faiths. She cared deeply about the legacy others left to those who knew them and especially to those that did not. Their stories are important to remember. Dayle's devotion and service has blessed all of us, and many throughout the world."

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Elders Quorum

We had a marvelous Zoom lesson from our own Emilio Nicoli last Sunday. The lesson was based on the General Conference talk presented by Quentin L. Cook, "[Hearts Knit in Righteousness and Unity](#)." One of the key messages of the talk is that righteousness leads to unity. Elder Cook referred to the followers of Christ during the 200 years following the Savior's ministry on our continent. In 4 Nephi we read, "There was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people." We have challenges at this time in the history of the world. Unity seems to be a fleeting wish, and righteousness is a goal that seems elusive. We have the great blessing of a living prophet who has asked us "to demonstrate greater civility, racial and ethnic harmony and mutual respect." Our assignment and responsibility are clear. Righteousness and unity are intertwined. We can't have one without the other. As we seek righteousness, our hearts will be inclined toward unity. Elder Cook states, "The clarion call to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is to strive to be a Zion people who are of one heart and one mind and dwell in righteousness." We have had glimpses of that possibility at times, when the Spirit has filled us with love and gratitude, and everything feels right. As we begin a new year, my prayer for all of us is to grow closer to being a Zion people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thank you for your help with locking up the ward grounds. Your response has been reassuring. We still have openings for the weeks of January 10, 17, 24 & 31. Please go to the Sign-Up Genius page to see what is available.
- Thank you to those that participated in the welfare square bakery assignment. It was a good time.
- Sister Dayle White passed away on December 24th. Her husband, Clyde, is a member of our quorum. An old back injury doesn't allow him to attend our quorum meetings (when we had them), but he could be found on the couch in the foyer during sacrament meetings. Clyde is wonderful man and a devoted husband who cared for Dayle till the very end. I believe he would appreciate a call or even a socially distanced visit.
- Please stay in touch with your ministering families. If you aren't sure who your companion is or who your families are, please contact Doug Bunker at 801-910-7128.

The Garden Park Ward Elders Quorum

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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

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

January 3, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

Come Follow Me: [Doctrine and Covenants 1](#), "Hearken, O Ye People"

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

[Click here to join the January 3rd 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>.

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Happy Birthday!

January 2–William Maddox	January 17- Ronald Christensen
January 2–Stephen Van	January 18–Kris Hale
January 3–Samuel Johnson	January 18–Carly Huchendorf
January 5–Emily Lund	January 18–Abe Shaw
January 6–Synthia Donohoe	January 18–Richard Young
January 6–Maggie Merchant	January 19–Camila Binks
January 6–Ashley Perry	January 20- Mary Ann Call
January 8–Allison Drinkwater Johnson	January 21–Kim Beglarian
January 8 - Virginia Menlove	January 21–Brady Pulsipher
January 9–Evangeline Johnson	January 22–Eva Harrison
January 9–Judianne Peterson	January 22–Terry Long
January 11–David Crook	January 23–Jared Hobbs
January 11–Daysha Moore	January 23–Sophie Jensen
January 11–James Rabdau	January 25–Maxwell Musgrove
January 11–Theo Sproul	January 25–Terri Winkler
January 12 -Brock Miskin	January 26–Tiffany Rasmuson
January 13–Marcy Mcdonald	January 28–Shelley Young
January 13–Casey Moore	January 29–Jil Goorman
January 15–Andrea Miller	January 29–John Helm
January 15–Marty Patch	January 29–Ruby Williamson
January 16–Milo Hobbs	January 31–Henry Cummings
January 16–Ashley Spatafore	January 31–Clyde White

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Ward Announcements

2021 Come Follow Me Manuals The distribution of "Come, Follow Me" manuals for 2021 is underway. If you haven't received a manual and would like one please contact Ralph Robbins by text or phone, 801-664-6700.

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.