

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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## Bishopric Message

Sisters and brothers, friends and neighbors,

I am grateful today to live among you. We are part of a wonderful tapestry of family, friendship, service and kindness. More than words can express, I am grateful for your acts of thoughtful kindness and support that I daily witness.

Simple, powerful acts of folks delivering groceries to their older neighbors; ward and neighborhood leaders sharing time and talents to look after all of us; folks ordering takeout from neighbors' businesses to help them weather the storm; folks turning out within minutes to help locate a lost beloved neighbor; our youngest neighbors sharing chalk messages of happiness and encouragement on our sidewalks; frequent checking in to be sure all are safe and okay; our ward helping couples without a place to marry, begin their lives together on our beautiful ward grounds; and everyone out walking and sharing warm words of greetings and concern for one another.

Yet, we are living through a period that will likely go down in history as a dark time of world-wide uncertainty and fear. Feeling the earth literally shake beneath our feet, hearing daily dismal reports about our economy, attending school, work and worship services only digitally, social distancing when human contact is needed more than ever, and watching fellow Utahns, and folks from other states and nations fight an unseen enemy, and lose, in numbers never experienced in our lifetimes, is new for most of us.

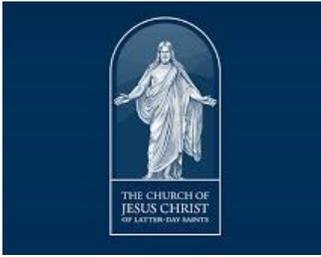
On this tumultuous Friday, my heart is turned to a Friday, almost 2000 years ago, when the earth trembled, and the storms came, and darkness blanketed the world. Words from a long time resident of Bonneville Stake, Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin, came to my mind.

Quote:

"I think of how dark that Friday was when Christ was lifted up on the cross . . .

Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were both overcome with grief and despair. The superb man they had loved and honored hung lifeless upon the cross.

On that Friday the Apostles were devastated. Jesus, their Savior—the man who had walked on water and raised the dead—was Himself at the mercy of wicked men. They watched helplessly as He was overcome by His enemies.



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## **Bishopric Message** *(continued)*

On that Friday the Savior of mankind was humiliated and bruised, abused and reviled. It was a Friday filled with devastating, consuming sorrow that gnawed at the souls of those who loved and honored the Son of God.

I think that of all the days since the beginning of this world's history, that Friday was the darkest.

But the doom of that day did not endure.

The despair did not linger because on Sunday, the resurrected Lord burst the bonds of death. He ascended from the grave and appeared gloriously triumphant as the Savior of all.

And in an instant the eyes that had been filled with ever-flowing tears dried. The lips that had whispered prayers of distress and grief now filled the air with wondrous praise, for Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God, stood before them as the firstfruits of the Resurrection, the proof that death is merely the beginning of a new and wondrous existence.

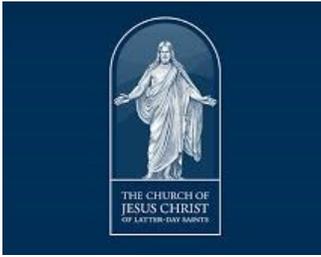
Each of us will have our own Fridays—those days when the universe itself seems shattered and the shards of our world lie littered about us in pieces. We all will experience those broken times when it seems we can never be put together again.

We will all have our Fridays.

But I testify to you in the name of the One who conquered death—Sunday will come. In the darkness of our sorrow, Sunday will come." Close Quote.

I add my testimony to Elder Wirthlin's, and a Bishop's blessing that, Sunday will come.

Sincerely, Garden Park Bishopric  
Rick Graham  
Randy Peterson  
Chris Furstenau



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## Primary

Let's Go On A Bear Hunt!!



What a beautiful day to find some bears!

Take your binoculars and search windows in the neighborhood for some cute bears waking up and peeking out to you. How many can you find? Which ones are your favorite?

Do you have any bears resting in your home? Wake them up so they can peek out the window and give others a smile.

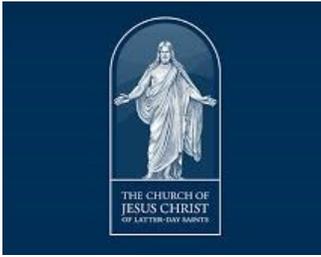
We aren't scared and we can get through anything together!

## Elders Quorum

What a strange and challenging time we are living through. We live in an era of scarcity amid plenty, fear amid confidence, mourning amid revelry, sacrifice amid callousness, hope amid despair, and condemnation amid redemption. These are choices that reflect our held values, and sometimes our emotions at a specific moment in time. The first Easter may have presented similar choices. In these latter days, we have the blessing to know that the Savior rose from the dead and that our souls have been redeemed. We know an infinite atonement has been made and that there is mercy for us, as well as justice. We have the choice to love Him, to follow Him, and to obey Him.

Amid the fears, the precautions, the illness and the death, there is love and compassion, hope and redemption, sacrifice and resurrection. The words and music of our hymns say it best: "Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation. No longer as strangers on earth need we roam." And "He is risen! He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice." We wish you a safe, joyful and loving Easter!

The Garden Park Ward Elders Quorum Presidency



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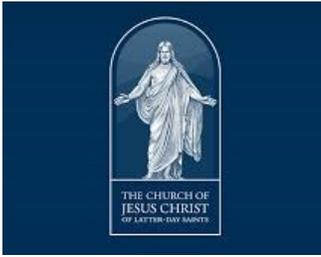
During these uncertain times, we are as ever, profoundly grateful for you, our dear ward family. I am so grateful for Easter Sunday in the midst of these fear filled times and the opportunity it provides to honor and remember the atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are blessed to know by giving Him more of our focus and attention we will be comforted and uplifted and our faith will overcome our fear. We look forward to the coming days when we can gather together again and I pray this will be our first and last Easter apart!

## Announcements & Appreciation

- ◆ Kudos to Judianne, Natalie, Nicole, Cheryl, Jean, Carrie Jensen and Kara for making masks (and all the others I don't know about.)
- ◆ Thank you to all who participated in the much needed blood drive.
- ◆ Thanks to Kristine Orton and her kids for working at the cannery last week!
- ◆ Kristine Orton has access to some toilet paper.
- ◆ Upcoming Welfare Assignments:
  - ◆ Wednesday, May 20th at Bishop's Storehouse 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (2 people)
  - ◆ Friday, May 22nd at the Cannery 7:30—11:30 a.m. (5 people)
- ◆ April 26th at 11:00 a.m.
  - ◆ Zoom RS lesson with our new Relief Society Teacher, Emily Lund! We'll be digging deep into "[A Perfect Brightness of Hope](#)" by Elder Jeffrey Holland.
- ◆ The Bonneville Stake Women's Health Conference scheduled for May 16th **has not** been cancelled or postponed.

Please remember these guidelines to keep us all safe & healthy.

- The CDC recommends the use of simple cloth face coverings as a voluntary public health measure in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).
- Clean your hands often.
- Only leave your house for essential needs like groceries, medication and medical appointments.
- You can still go outside to get fresh air, however, you must practice social distancing while outside and avoid touching surfaces frequently touched by others.



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## Ward Announcements

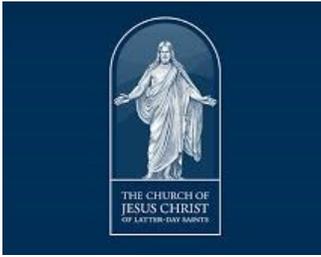
- ◆ Warmest Congratulations to the Brummer Family ! Sweet baby Andre arrived on Wednesday, April 8th, right on time!
- ◆ If you would like the sacrament and don't have any way of receiving it please let your leaders know so we can provide it to you.
  - ◇ For those families or individuals without priesthood representation, it is critical their ministering brothers reach out. What a wonderful opportunity for all ministering brothers and those haven't had the opportunity to reach out prior. If you aren't being contacted by your ministering brother, please contact President Doug Bunker or Bishop Graham.
- ◆ Reminder for all ministering brothers and sisters to continue weekly contact and prompt reporting to Relief Society President, Kathy Younker and Elders Quorum President, Doug Bunker.
- ◆ There are many great resources at [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.
- ◆ A link to the [Restoration Proclamation](#) announced during General Conference is available [here](#).



## ★ Happy Birthday ★

April 12—Jeanette Church  
April 17—Christine Paongo  
April 18—Matt Lund  
April 18—Randy Peterson  
April 18—Lezlie Richardson  
April 21—Daniel Bradley  
April 21—Michael Stephens  
April 23—Ellie Anderson  
April 23—Emily Crozier  
April 23—Rick Graham

April 24—Madison Lechtenberg  
April 25—Tammy Jensen  
April 25—Kenneth Kohler  
April 25—Rheim Penman  
April 26—Gunner Longenecker  
April 28—Carrie Gaykowski  
April 29—Jonathan Jensen  
April 29—Mark Earl  
April 29—Emilio Nicoli  
April 30—Darrell Privett



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