

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

April 26, 2020



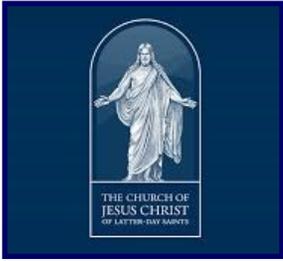
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Bishopric Message

Stuck at home, unable to travel, I regularly find myself flipping through photos on my phone of previous trips and adventures. Last night, I came across a photo of myself in a beautiful, modern train station, standing below a sign reading "To Pyeongyang." The remarkable thing about the train station is that it's in the demilitarized zone in South Korea, and the tracks to Pyeongyang don't yet connect to the North Korean capitol. The South Koreans have been separated from their North Korean kin for generations, and the hope of reconnecting the two Koreas is a dim one. But in the demilitarized zone separating the two Koreas, flanked by missiles and mine fields, they've built a beautiful, fully functional train station complete with every amenity so that when the wait is over, they will be ready to connect with no delay.

Lovingly building a train station that may never be used is a marvelous example of faith and hope—"the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1. Hebrews 11 goes on to recite some of the great biblical examples of faith—Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sara—and then says, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them...."

The promises Heavenly Father has made us are truly remarkable. Although they may at times seem distant and dim, they're worth waiting for and working for. Are we persuaded of them, and have we embraced them? Now is a great time to be exercising our faith and hope for the future we want for ourselves and for the world. As individuals, families, and a community, we can be building the proverbial train stations that will enable us to lay hold on God's promises. While others are building fences and missiles, let's remember to make choices that enable us to cross boundaries and connect with our distant brothers and sisters.



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Bishopric Message *(continued)*

As a bishopric, we hope you'll enjoy the messages contained in this week's newsletter, including outstanding messages from returning missionaries Izzy Vaifo'ou and David Morgan in addition to thoughts from [Elder Bednar about hearing God's promptings](#). We miss seeing you on Sundays but are gratified to know our loving, vibrant community remains intact, and that despite the physical distancing, we remain knit together as a neighborhood. Please continue taking care of yourselves and each other, and we will look forward with a 'perfect brightness of hope' to the time we can all be together again.

Warmly,
The Garden Park Ward bishopric

Ward Zoom Meetings

Ward Sunday Lesson sponsored by the Relief Society

April 26, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Sunday lesson with our new Relief Society Teacher, Emily Lund! We'll be digging deep into "[A Perfect Brightness of Hope](#)" by Elder Jeffrey Holland.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Young Women's Sunday Meeting

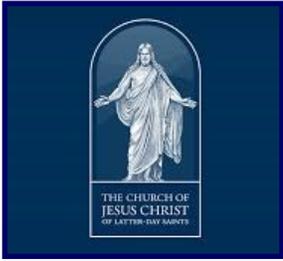
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Missionary Messages

We are grateful to welcome Elder Vaifo'ou and Elder Morgan home, and are pleased to share messages from them here:

Elder Vaifo'ou: <https://vimeo.com/407775448/9e3b744470>

Elder Morgan:

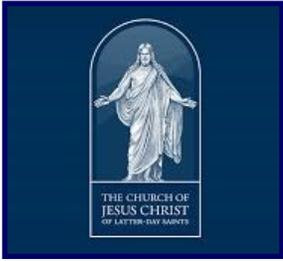
Howdy Everyone! I am David Morgan, I recently returned home from my mission. I served in the Texas Houston Mission for the past 2 years. I would love to share a brief miracle I was able to see during my mission!

When I first left on my mission my trainer and I had a goal to study and plan outside everyday, it was the spring and in Houston it was humid. We were doing this everyday and about 5 or 6 days into my mission we were at a small park and had just finished our studies when two seventeen year old girls walked into the park. We got up and talked to them about the Gospel Of Jesus Christ and the importance of faith! We had somehow caught their attention and we met with them almost twice a week. Half way through the lessons we extended baptismal dates we felt strongly about, Rose said yes and the other girl said no. Rose at the time was living with this friend and later in the lessons was placed in a situation to either be baptized and kicked out of the home or not baptized and stay there. Rose prayed day and night and decided to get baptized anyways. She was kicked out of her home and moved out of my mission to another friend's home. I only saw her once or twice after that. I added her to my email and we emailed often. Rose gave up everything she knew for this church. She knew it was true, she could not deny it. Today she lives in Utah, happy and with a burning testimony inside of her.

Her conversion woke me up to developing mine. Would I give up my home, friends, and family for a church I heard about from two nineteen year old boys. My testimony now is I would give up all I have to keep myself close to Christ. I know this church has the fullness of the gospel. It is truly Christ's same church. Through him I am free.

Thank you for reading!

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen



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Primary

Hello Primary!

This week in Come Follow Me we learned about King Benjamin teaching his people. I love hearing King Benjamin! Do you remember what advise King Benjamin gave them when they were sorry for their sins? He told them to forsake (stop doing) their sins and repent. I am grateful I can repent every Sunday during Sacrament for the sins I am sorry for doing and have tried to make right. Have you ever had your clothes so dirty and you feel so grimy? Then, do you remember how amazing it feels to wash and be clean again? We have an opportunity to experience that wonderful feeling every Sunday while we partake of the Sacrament and receive forgiveness for our sins.

King Benjamin also taught as we receive a remission of our sins we are "filled with the love of God" which leads us to be loving and kind toward others. Right now we aren't able to get outside of our homes to serve and there are ways we can serve from home. Some ideas may include calling a relative to say hi, write or draw a picture for someone or a missionary or help your family and do some "secret service".

When we follow Jesus Christ and are baptized we take upon ourselves the name of Christ. What would you do to become friends with someone? Maybe talk with them, spend time with them, listen to them. We can think of what we can do to know Jesus Christ better personally. We put names on things like assignments or sports jerseys and how can we show that we have Christ's name "written always in our hearts"?

Here is a badge you can color:

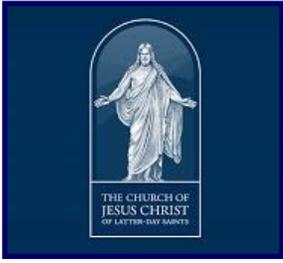
https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/content/images/gospel-library/manual/PD60005075/PSD15157_000_wk16-2020.pdf

I am grateful for the Book of Mormon and King Benjamin's words that I can apply to my life today. We love you and hope to see you soon!

Love,

Garden Park Primary Presidency





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Young Women

THIS SUNDAY

Zoom YW April 26th at Noon!

We will have a musical number by Aleena on the harp, a spiritual thought from Maggie, and cupcake Sunday celebrating our April birthdays (Regan & Ellie).

Zoom info:

Topic: **Young Women's Sunday Meeting**

April 26, 2020 12:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom career night with our fabulous Nicole Paul. Learn what it's like to be a professional ballerina, start a clothing business, and open a store for local makers. Come with questions! We'll send out the zoom info in the weekly YW email and by text.

YW UPDATES

FSYs postponed until 2021

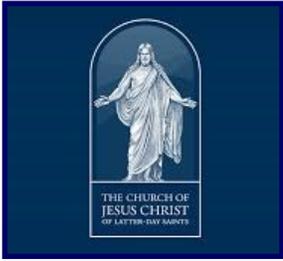
Stake YW Camp has been rescheduled for August 11-14

REMINDERS

Make sure you have goals set for each of the Youth & Children categories and try to make some progress on them.

Have a great week! Stay safe!

Love,
GP YW Presidency



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Relief Society

Announcements

- ◆ 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.

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- ◆ The Bonneville Stake Women's Health Conference scheduled for May 16th **has not** been cancelled or postponed. Our very own Missy Taylor will be presenting the last hour on spiritual health!

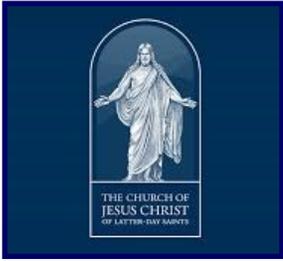
Service Opportunity

The First Presidency has recently approved, and the Utah Area Presidency supports, a project to sew **5 million** urgently needed medical-grade face masks for health care providers in hospitals and other medical facilities. The Relief Society is a cosponsor of this project, which is a partnership between Latter-day Saint Charities, Intermountain Healthcare, and University of Utah Health.

Ten thousand volunteers per week are needed to sew 100 masks from precut, medical-grade fabric, distributed in kits at selected Deseret Industries stores. This will be repeated for five weeks and begins next Tuesday, April 21.

Those who are available for 10-15 hours during the week and have sewing skills and a sewing machine are invited to sign up!

Registration will be available beginning Friday, April 17. Details and instructions can be found at ProjectProtect.health.



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Relief Society *(continued)*

In our recent "Come Follow me" studies we read the following in Mosiah 2:21; I say unto you that if ye should serve him who has created you from the beginning, and is **preserving you from day to day, by lending you breath**, that ye may live and do according to your own will, and even supporting you from one moment to another -I say, if ye should serve Him with all your whole souls yet ye would be unprofitable servants.' I think that all of us that do not have COVID-19 right now are profoundly grateful to be well. I am especially grateful that I am unaware of anyone in our ward family that has it.

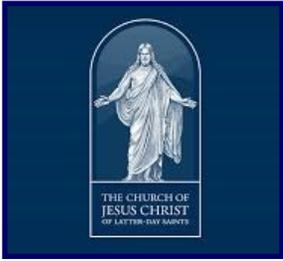
Thanks and praise to God for those of us who are spared this illness! Thanks and praise to all of you who are helping each other through the stress of it!

Spotlight—Emily Lund

Emily Lund is the beautiful, bright, talented, together and lovely daughter of our own Barbara (and Matt) Lund. She grew up in this ward with her 5 siblings and is a beloved daughter, sister and aunt. After serving a mission to Arizona, she served briefly in the Young Women's presidency before pursuing a law degree at BYU. She graduated last spring and took a job with a local firm doing immigration (she speaks fluent Spanish) and criminal defense law. We are delighted that she recently rented a duplex in our area which blesses us with her membership and teaching skills. Emily is deeply spiritual and wonderfully diverse. She also teaches kick boxing (or did...before the pandemic)

★ Happy Birthday ★

April 26—Gunner Longenecker
April 28—Carrie Gaykowski
April 29—Jonathan Jensen
April 29—Mark Earl
April 29—Emilio Nicoli
April 30—Darrell Privett
May 1—Jack Donohoe



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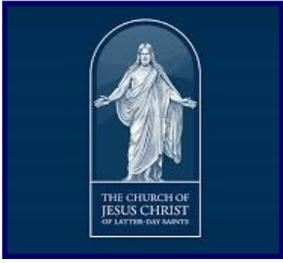
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Ward Announcements

- ◆ Recently, Elder Bednar was asked how he hears the voice of the Lord in his life.
 - [Here are just a few of his thoughts](#) (← click here to be directed to his message)
- ◆ 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, (801) 599-8175, to set up a phone interview with the Bishop.
- ◆ 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. 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.
- ◆ Sacrament Reminder: *"Until further notice, priesthood holders should not enter homes of Church members to whom they are not related to administer the sacrament. During this time, members can be blessed by studying the sacrament prayers and recommitting to live the covenants members have made and praying for the day they will receive it in person, properly administered by the priesthood."*
—First Presidency Provides Guidance on How to Administer the Church in Challenging Times
- ◆ 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 for enlightenment and studying the gospel.
- ◆ A link to the [Restoration Proclamation](#) announced during General Conference is available [here](#).



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