

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters

The past few weeks I have really enjoyed studying the Come Follow Me lessons with my kids. I still remember the first time I listened and read the story of Ammon. Chopping arms off to save some sheep definitely interested me and so it was with my offspring.

Over the years as I've studied Ammon and his story it's clear to me his role is much more than slinging rocks and skilled swordsmanship but one of service, love, obedience, boldness, personal revelation, and faith. I've often said that Ammon is the best missionary of all time or as they say these days the GOAT of missionary work.

Besides the fact that Ammon converted thousands of Lamanites including the king over all the Lamanites and helped establish religious freedom in their lands, the thing that astonishes me the most is found at the end of verse 6 in Alma 23 (Alma 23:6). It reads "yea, I say unto you, as the Lord liveth, as many of the Lamanites as believed in their preaching, and were converted unto the Lord, never did fall away."

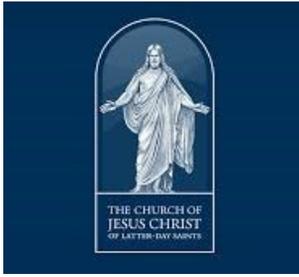
One hundred percent retention! Their testimonies never failed them again. Conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ was the only option for these people. A true miracle wrought on the people by the Lord through the instrumentality of His faithful servant Ammon. As we'll read in upcoming chapters these people change their name to the Anti-Nephi-Lehi's and go through serious adversity but never falter.

As you read this and as you study the Book of Mormon I invite you to demonstrate some of those characteristics exemplified by Ammon. Be a little more loving and neighborly, be a little bolder about our beliefs, serve those around you especially those you minister to. Gain favor with God and man, have faith, and strive for personal revelation.

It is my testimony that as you do these things Heavenly Father will bring miracles to pass in your life and to those you serve.

God Speed!

Sincerely
Garden Park Ward Bishopric
Written by Chris Furstenau



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Missionary Highlight

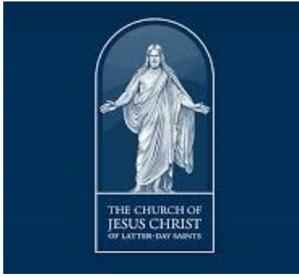
We are grateful for the valiant service and safe return of Elder Jack Hindley! Click on the link below to view a message from Jack about his mission service in the Canada Montreal Mission.

<https://vimeo.com/monument/jackhindley>

Ward Council Message Update on Reopening our Sunday Worship Services

We miss meeting together. We feel lucky to live in our beautiful neighborhood among wonderful people. We look forward to the day when we can gather together again.

As described by Dr. Angela Dunn, our state epidemiologist, we seem to be in the middle of an acceleration phase of Covid-19 along the Wasatch Front. While other portions of the State have been moved to the Yellow or even Green designations, Salt Lake City remains in the Orange designation, as case numbers are daily rising. In response, our Ward Bishopric and Ward Council will continue monitoring the situation, and will discuss our current options when we meet next Sunday. For now we are staying the course. In the meantime, we encourage all to wear masks, and maintain at least the 6 feet social distancing practices in public spaces. Stay well.



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Relief Society

"Rather than being judgmental and critical of each other, may we have the pure love of Christ for our fellow travelers in this journey through life" – Thomas S Monson

Dear Sisters,

With so much happening in our world right now, striving to have the pure love of Christ seems more important than ever. We just want you to know of the love this presidency has for each and every one of you. We look forward to seeing your beautiful faces, again, in person but it seems we must wait for a little while longer. Know that we think of you often and pray for you always.

The highlight of my week, is our Zoom meetings. The lessons are great and the Spirit is felt. I find myself looking forward to our meeting for the joy it brings me in seeing the faces of our fellow Brothers and Sisters. Although we are in a time of social isolation, this is a way to come together and strengthen each other, to face another week.

Likewise, if you have not had a chance to see the video that our dear Sister Jenny Hobbs, put together for our ward please watch it. (<https://youtu.be/48rAwgJqz9w>) As I watch it, it brings a great warmth and peace to my heart, to see the many faces of the neighbors that I miss, that I look up to, surrounded by their loving families. Don't hesitate to send your photos in, if you haven't already. It will only add to the mosaic of love that was so skillfully put together and it will give us all another reason to enjoy it again.

As we work towards perfecting our pure love of Christ for each other, my hope is we can overcome divisiveness and come together as a Ward family and a community. In the words of Dieter F Uchtdorf – "Love should be our walk and our talk."

With all of our love,
The Garden Park Relief Society



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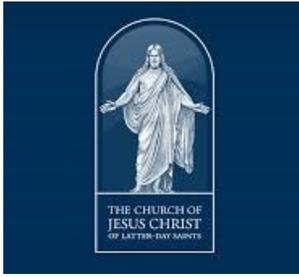


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Relief Society Announcements

David Rishton has a 1940's style dining room set with 12 chairs and extensions that he's giving away to anyone that needs or wants it. Please contact David at 801.467.4012 for more information.





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Young Women

Garden Park YW Sunday Meeting

Sunday, July 12th at 12:00 p.m. (MST)

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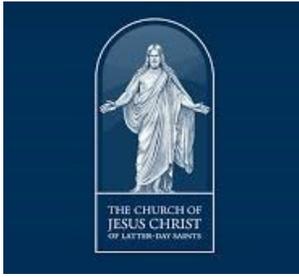
Meeting ID: **980 3909 4987**

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One tap mobile: **+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)**

Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom friendship bracelets (more info to come!)



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Young Men

Reminder to continue working in your individual Personal Development Guide Book, which contains the following topics:

1. You Have a Purpose
2. You Are a Precious Child of God
3. You Can Follow the Savior
4. A Pattern for Growth by:
 - Discover what you need to work on.
 - Plan how you will do it.
 - Act on your plan in faith.
 - Reflect on what you have learned.
 - Consider creating goals in each of the four areas to keep your life balanced.
 - Spiritual
 - Social
 - Physical
 - Intellectual

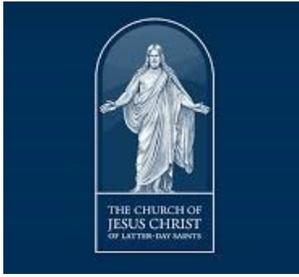
With love,

Quorum Advisors Jess and Samuel, and Activity Specialists Hunter and Sean

Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Quorum Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID will be sent out through Quorum text chain



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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

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

July 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

[Come, Follow Me: Alma 30 –31](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98319278898?pwd=MW1xTW5VZFFFN1QxcHNLTE1DcU56dz09>

Meeting ID: 983 1927 8898

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Young Women Zoom Meeting

Garden Park YW Sunday Meeting

Sunday, July 12th 12:00 p.m. (MST)

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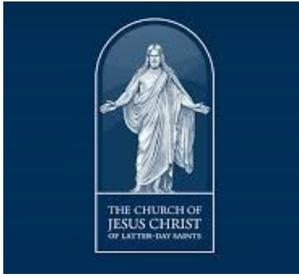
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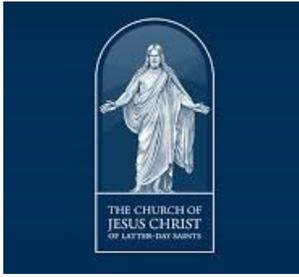
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Ward Announcements

- ◆ We have two newly assigned missionaries, Elder Haddock and Elder Kember who can be reached at (801) 833-8084. Welcome!
- ◆ **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 your to receive it.
- ◆ The Bountiful Temple has been reopened for live sealing temple ordinances for those previously endowed, by appointment only. See churchofjesuschrist.org for additional information.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.



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★ Happy Birthday ★

July 1—Grace Lund	July 15—Cassie Crotchett
July 5—Simone Furstenau	July 15—Marci Eggett
July 6—Becky Hailes	July 15—Judith Jarrow
July 6—Aubrey Parkinson	July 16—Robert Evans
July 7—Gabrielle Linam	July 18—Dorian Crozer
July 7—Elliot Mattsson	July 18—Cheryl Fuller
July 8—Annabelle Nicoli	July 20—John Miller
July 9—Spencer Christiansen	July 22—Isabelle Lund
July 9—Peter Hardy	July 22—Wendy Williams
July 10—Andrew Lechtenberg	July 25—Meghan Donohoe
July 10—Jonathan Penman	July 25—Norm Younker
July 12—Emily Hardy	July 26—Cary Chapman
July 12—Brooke Pederson	July 29—Olivia Curtis
July 12—Mark Stevens	July 29—Faye Walch
July 12—Jerry Winkler	July 31—Kara Hargrove
July 13—Joseph Hatch	July 31—Susie Hindley
July 14—Spencer Ashby	July 31—Don Thorpe
July 14—Julie Morriss	July 31—Claire Wilson