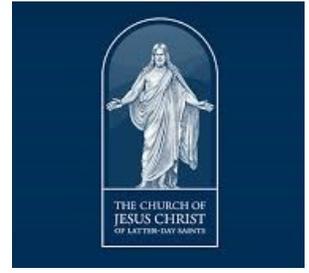




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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In recent weeks, we've faced frightening new threats in the form of earthquakes and a deadly virus. We've faced these external threats together, with the faith and hope that they will eventually pass. This week, we've been soberly reminded that some of our greatest threats don't come from external sources, but rather can sprout up in the darkest corners of the human heart. Racism, distrust, prejudice, and feelings of superiority are not new threats, but recent events have reminded us that they are pernicious and destructive, and that they will not simply pass on their own. Our only hope is to work together to eradicate them from our communities and from our own hearts.

How blessed we are to have a prophet who challenges and inspires us to do the work necessary to promote peace, inclusion, and love for all. This week, President Nelson wrote:

"We join with many throughout this nation and around the world who are deeply saddened at recent evidences of racism and a blatant disregard for human life. We abhor the reality that some would deny others respect and the most basic of freedoms because of the color of his or her skin.

We are also saddened when these assaults on human dignity lead to escalating violence and unrest.

The Creator of us all calls on each of us to abandon attitudes of prejudice against any group of God's children. Any of us who has prejudice toward another race needs to repent!

During the Savior's earthly mission, He constantly ministered to those who were excluded, marginalized, judged, overlooked, abused, and discounted. As His followers, can we do anything less? The answer is no! We believe in freedom, kindness, and fairness for all of God's children!

Let us be clear. We are brothers and sisters, each of us the child of a loving Father in Heaven. His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, invites all to come unto Him—"black and white, bond and free, male and female," (2 Nephi 26:33). It behooves each of us to do whatever we can in our spheres of influence to preserve the dignity and respect every son and daughter of God deserves.

Any nation can only be as great as its people. That requires citizens to cultivate a moral compass that helps them distinguish between right and wrong. Illegal acts such as looting, defacing, or destroying public or private property cannot be tolerated. Never has one wrong been corrected by a second wrong. Evil has never been resolved by more evil.

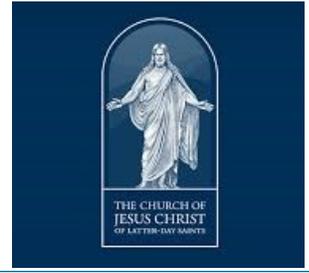
We need to foster our faith in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We need to foster a fundamental respect for the human dignity of every human soul, regardless of their color, creed, or cause. And we need to work tirelessly to build bridges of understanding rather than creating walls of segregation.

I plead with us to work together for peace, for mutual respect, and for an outpouring of love for all of God's children."



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### Bishopric Message *(continued)*

As a bishopric, we embrace President Nelson's challenge and affirm our commitment to the principles of love, equality, acceptance, and inclusion he has taught. The lives of our Black/African American brothers and sisters matter deeply to us, our ward, and our country. We stand together with good people all over the world in support of justice, opportunity, and equality for all.

Sincerely,  
Bishop Rick Graham  
Randy Peterson  
Chris Furstenau

### Ward Council Message on Reopening our Sunday Worship Services

As many of you, we look forward to regular church meetings beginning again. The First Presidency, with guidelines, has approved Stakes and Wards to resume ward meetings on a limited, phased-in basis. In response, consistent with those guidelines, the Bishopric and the Ward Council are working on a plan to do so. The Bishopric and our Ward Council are committed to the health and safety of all of our ward and community members, and want to recommence church consistent with best health practices and an abundance of caution. While no specific date to reopen is currently recommended, we identified benchmarks to guide us:

- Salt Lake City must move to "yellow" before returning to any church services.
- After moving to yellow, we anticipate an additional three-week period (at a minimum) in which to evaluate trends, and note any Garden Park cases;
- If trends are favorable, finalize re-opening plans to include:
  - Emphasis on no one feeling compelled or pressured to participate until they are ready.
  - Choice of attending one of two meetings per month, lasting 45 minutes – to accommodate our chapel social distancing capacity.
  - Regular start time at 10:00, with a request to be 15 minutes early for seating.
  - Enhanced Sacrament Ordinance hygiene and distribution practices.
  - Observation of government social gathering requirements.
  - Enhanced Ward building cleaning and disinfecting practices.
  - Those with any illness, coughing, or sneezing should not attend.

The Ward Council will continue to monitor the situation and provide more details as we move forward toward these targets. We are interested in your thoughts and/or questions, and we invite you to contact us to share them.

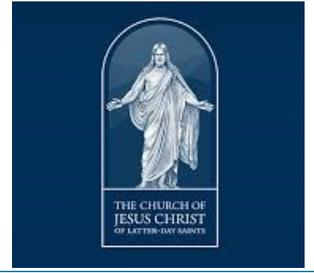
We are looking forward to beginning the process of meeting together again. We'll continue to adapt and adjust, and we trust that we'll all be understanding with one another as we navigate through these uncharted waters, both individually and together, and try to embrace our new normal. Resuming our meetings will require faith, patience, a dose of creativity and good humor. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of heart in each of you.

We can do this,  
Garden Park Ward Bishopric & Ward Council



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## Relief Society

Dear Sisters,

We hope all of you are doing well. This season in the world has been very challenging for all of us, from a world wide pandemic to civil unrest. We are thankful for the guidance of our Heavenly Father and our prophet. We miss you and your beautiful families.

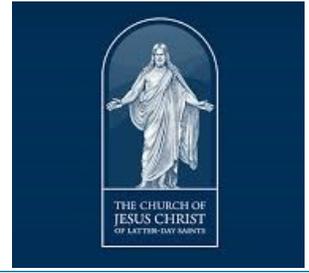
Our Relief Society presidency would like to echo the message by President Russell M. Nelson condemning racism and "to abandon attitudes of prejudice against any group of God's children... Any of us who has prejudice towards another race needs to repent." We also would like to show our solidarity to the social justice issues concerning our brothers and sisters in the black community by being mindful of statements that take away the importance of their lives. Our Heavenly Father loves us all, but at this moment our brothers and sisters of the black community are suffering. Our duty as members of the church is to show love, compassion, empathy, and solidarity to make this world better for those who don't have a voice.

Love, The Garden Park Ward Relief Society





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## Relief Society *(continued)*

### Announcements

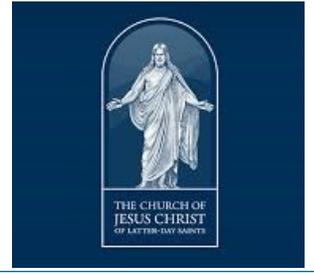
- ◆ If anyone is in need of a face mask, please contact Kathy Younker by phone or text (801.971.1504) and she'll drop one off for you.
- ◆ It's not an easy time to be a missionary. Elders Haddock and Kimber cannot leave their apartment unless they are doing service. They can do any kind of outside work and even work inside if they can practice social distancing. If you need any service, or know anyone who does, they would be happy to help! You can reach them at (801) 414-4152.
- ◆ A 2 bedroom apartment will be available in the ward soon. Contact Alli (801.205.9001) or Sean (801.833.6660) for more information.

**MASK UPDATE: 2.5 Million Masks have been made!** Thank you to all that have participated. Your contribution has made the world a better place!



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## Young Women

Happy June!

Congrats to all of you school graduates! Big congratulations to Scarlett and Jennie as they graduated from East High School this past week! You two AMAZING young women are headed for success! We love you and are so proud of you!

This Sunday (6/7) will be fast Sunday. Make it count! Think of something to fast for— it feels like the world needs us!

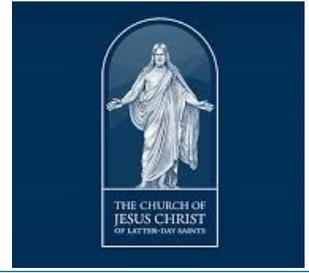
Hope you have a great start to your summer! Stay safe!

Lots of love,  
GP YW Presidency



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### Young Men

In November, a Young Men's theme was introduced (for the first time), which we recite at the beginning of each Quorum Meeting:

*I am a beloved son of God, and He has a work for me to do.*

*With all my heart, might, mind, and strength, I will love God, keep my covenants, and use His priesthood to serve others, beginning in my own home.*

*As I strive to serve, exercise faith, repent, and improve each day, I will qualify to receive temple blessings and the enduring joy of the gospel.*

*I will prepare to become a diligent missionary, loyal husband, and loving father by being a true disciple of Jesus Christ.*

*I will help prepare the world for the Savior's return by inviting all to come unto Christ and receive the blessings of His Atonement.*

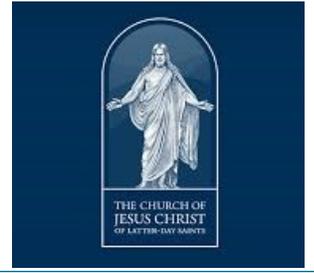
With love,

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



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## Primary



**Garden Park Primary Private Facebook Page**



We now have a private Facebook page where children, teachers and parents can post and comment and keep us all connected.

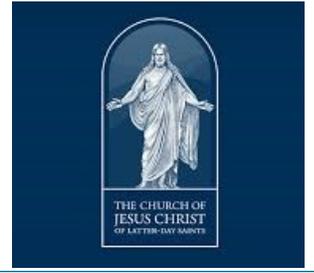
If you would like an invitation to this page, please text

Rheim at (801) 259-7835.



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## Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Elders Quorum and features Bruce Hekeka as our presenter.

**June 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

["Hear Him"](#) by President Russell M. Nelson

Join Zoom Meeting

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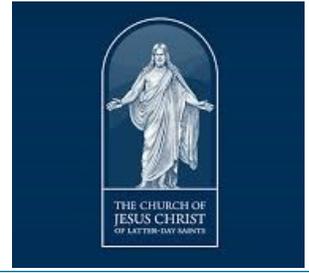
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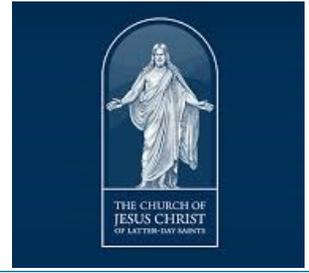
### Ward Announcements

- ◆ 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](http://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](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.



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### ★ Happy Birthday ★

June 4—Sean Hair

June 4—Christopher Hardy

June 4—Joe Narus

June 5—Brent Wilson

June 8—Jean Robbins

June 8—Sam Wilson

June 9—Georgia Hindley

June 10—Elliott Lund

June 11—Madeline Boyer

June 11—Nicole Peterson

June 14—Mary Hale

June 14—Page Juliano

June 14—Ida Paul

June 14—Joan Smith

June 15—Bonnie Wilson

June 16—Charity Johnson

June 17—Jo Ann Narus

June 18—Reyn Paul

June 19—Leonard Burningham

June 22—Tracy Rabdau

June 24—Sophie Anderson

June 24—Natalie Stewart

June 26—Janie Hokett

June 26—Adam Marty

June 27—Howard Evans

June 27—Carrie Jensen

June 27—Dayle White

June 29—Tyler Case

June 29—Amanda Dixon

June 29—Lewis Furstenau

June 29—Milliani Hopokingi

June 29—Adam Paul