

Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

6th September 2020

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Father, like mother, is ever willing to sacrifice his own comfort for that of his children. Daily he toils to provide the necessities of life, never complaining, ever concerned for the well-being of his family.

Thomas S Monson



Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,

To all those noble fathers living the dream of responsible fatherhood, happy father's day. No easy task, but truly rewarding nonetheless. Elder James. E. Faust said *"Noble fatherhood gives us a glimpse of the divine."*

Yet today the media and movies portray men inappropriately as uninterested, disloyal or distracted. We only need to turn to the "Family Proclamation" and the scriptures for our guidance.

It states in the family proclamation. *"By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and the protection for their family."* The proclamation also notes, *"...fathers and mothers are obligated to help each other as equal partners"*.

And in the new testament we read a snapshot of the Savior's relationship with Heavenly Father: *"Jesus kneeled down, and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him"* (Luke 22:41-43). In the Saviours greatest hour, Heavenly Father was by his side supporting Him.

And in the Book of Mormon we have the account of Alma, the father, praying with faith that his son would come to know the gospel. His prayer was answered while Alma the younger was still going about destroying the church. (Mosiah 27:10-12). Despite who Alma the younger was at the time, Alma never gave up on his son.

My own father taught me many lessons. One, he taught me how to work, even mowing the lawn at age 5. Yes that is me in the picture. But one lesson stands out when I was 10 years old. At the back of Dad's newly built home, there was a large mound of topsoil that needed to be spread over the front lawn. Really it was a job for an excavator or bobcat, but Dad offered to pay me 10c for every wheelbarrow of dirt I moved and spread. Most days after school for years, and I finally finished the last barrel. Yes, the money was a driver, though the biggest impact and lesson was the encouragement and surprise from Dad, that I saw it to the end.

I'm so grateful to my mortal and eternal Fathers for the inspired leadership. For continually directing us through the world turmoil. May we pay heed to the upcoming talks in our next General Conference on Oct 3 - 4th.

Take care! - Bishop Spark

Ward Announcements

- October General Conference 3 -4th October.
 - New simplified method for submitting names to the temple prayer roll online. The online link can be found on the Perth temple websites main page. (<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temples/prayer-roll?lang=eng>)
 - Sacrament Schedule (FIFO and other workers who's schedule cannot fit into the 2 week schedule are welcome to attend the weeks they are able).
 - ★ 6th September - Group B (Testimony meeting)
 - ★ 13th September - Group A
 - ★ 20th September - Group B
 - ★ 27th September - Group A
 - Reminder to all youth to sign up for FSY which is on next year, 18 Jan 2021 - 23 Jan 2021
<https://perthfsy2021.ldsconventions.com/register.cfm>
 - Chapel Cleaning schedule is back. Please see the assignment list at: grenmountward.com.au or on the noticeboard.
- 06-September YOUNG MEN & YOUNG WOMEN
 13-September D. Desmond / Spicer-Wensley / Powrie / C&D. Haynes / B.Desmond / R. Hamilton
 20-September Sheppard / N&B. King / Batten / M.Edwards / P&V. Thompson
- Self-reliance class, "Eat Healthy and be Active" is starting up again, meeting this Friday 11th September at 6:30 pm at the King's home - 13 Carlon Place, Swan View.
 - Tithing donation statements for tax purposes can be found on LDS.org, under donations. Once logged in go to the donations page select Donor Statements on the left hand side of the page. Those without the internet please see the Ward Clerk Bro. King or one of the Bishopric members.

Youth Activities

Date	YW	YM
09/09/20	Self Care Evening	Volleyball
16/09/20	Netball (combined)	

Both youth activities will be starting at 7pm on Wednesday.
 Young womens will be at the chapel this week.
 Young mens will meet at Luke's house, 23 Camfield Rd Darlington.

Remember to sign up for FSY if you haven't already. Talk with a member of the bishopric if you need any assistance getting registered.

Relief Society

Sunday 21st September we will be having our Relief Society lesson in person instead of on Zoom. 11:30am in a home - details of location to come soon. Cake, cookies and hot chocolate after.

Morning tea and recipe demonstration will continue each week on Tuesdays at 9:30 am at Naomi Holder's home. Except school holidays.

Please be aware of your ministering people and check in on them as often as you can or think is required. We as a presidency cannot get to everyone and we rely heavily on you as ministering sisters.

Primary

September primary songs to learn at home:

"Samuel tells of Baby Jesus" cs(pg- 36)

"I'm trying to be like Jesus" cs(pg -78)

"The wise man and the foolish man" cs(pg, 281).

Due to current circumstances our primary presentation will not be running this year, however we would still like the children to showcase what they have been learning in primary and at home in 2020, so we would invite children to hold their own special primary presentation at home and take photos or video it or even just tell us about it, then as a primary we can send all the primary children an email with all of your experiences, talks, testimonies, song's etc.

Elders Quorum

Elders Quorum lessons and dates:

13-09-20 Opening the heavens for help- Russell M Nelson

27-09-20 Come and belong- Dieter F Uchtdorf

11-10-20 Finding refuge from the storms of life- Ricardo P Gimenez

25-10-20 The finest homes- L Whitney Clayton

Weekly "Come, Follow Me" Home Centered Learning

We encourage you to continue your home-centered learning by continuing the "Come, follow me" program. If you need a "Come, follow me" manual, please call or message Luke Holder 0435 553 357 your name and address to get one delivered to your door this week! The learning schedule:

31 Aug - 6 Sept Helaman 13-16	7 - 13 September 3 Nephi 1-7	14 - 20 September 3 Nephi 12-16
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Scripture Gem from Helaman 13-16.

Have you ever thought about how tall the wall was that Samuel stood upon to prophesy to the people? The picture that represents this scene we are all familiar with depicts the wall as being very tall. Something that was brought to light for me this week and that I have wondered about before is that perhaps the wall was not very high. When you read in Helaman 16:7 there is a little clue that suggests that the wall was not as tall as we thought. "He did cast himself down from the wall...". If Samuel was to cast himself off a very high wall, it would not be safe. Also how much more of a miracle is it that the stones and arrows could not hit Samuel (because the spirit of God was with him) if he was on a smaller wall and a close target? I am sure that there were some who saw this for the miracle that it was and were converted to a faith in Jesus Christ..



7 September: Kaia Hamilton, Jonah Morse, Kenneth Tan
9 September: Merriwyn Spicer-Wensley
10 September: Robert Hall
12 September: Joshua Edwards
13 September: Kay Mills

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