

*"Somehow forgiveness accomplishes miracles
that can happen in no other way."
Gordon B Hinkley*

Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,

This will be my last weekly message with all of us returning back together each Sunday. I will from time to time contribute to the newsletter either out of necessity or if feeling so prompted. I have thoroughly enjoyed the gospel study, time to ponder and the spiritual experiences over the last 6 months writing these messages. On many occasions I would sit in the chair without any idea of what to write and after a silent prayer things start flowing.

This week studying "Forgiveness" revealed a light bulb moment. We all depend on the Savior; none of us can be saved without Him. Though forgiveness for our sins comes with conditions. We must repent, and we must be willing to forgive others, Jesus taught: *"Forgive one another; for he that forgiveth not ... [stands] condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin"* and *"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy."* (Mathew 5:7)

So in the end it's the merciful who obtain mercy. For if we aren't willing to be merciful and forgive, how can we expect the same in return from the Saviour? As we are brought to an account of our lives at the judgement seat. I've heard this message before, but this time for me, was the light bulb moment, in that you should look at forgiveness as a gift. It doesn't change the past but it does change the future.

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you". "But if ye forgive not men their, trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15).

Here lies a vitally important challenge, overcoming the pain, betrayal, anguish, hurt and anger caused by others or even yourself is no easy task. However, understanding the bigger picture clearly will help us understand its purpose, our own progression and salvation.

Then, the next question remains: how often should we forgive someone, including ourselves? Peter asked the Saviour who said *"I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."* ... (Matthew 18:22). Of course, Jesus did not mean that we should stop forgiving after 490 times or even 77 times he meant that there should be no limits to our forgiveness.

We can do our part by doing good to all men, doing what's right negates the need for others to forgive. Though in a world of accusations and unfriendliness, it is easy to gather and cast stones. But before we do, remember the words from the Saviour *"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone."*

What a great blessing to have this knowledge. So let us be kind, let us be forgiving, let us be merciful, let us talk peacefully with each other and *"Let us do good unto all men."* (Galatians 6:10)

Sincerely - Bishop Spark



Ward Announcements

- **General Conference** US time is on the 3 - 4th October. WA conference sessions will be the 10-11th October.
- **Stake Youth Activity** Saturday October 3rd - 12:30pm to 8pm, meet at dianella stake centre (dinner provided).
- **Self-Reliance Class**, "Eat Healthy and be Active" has started up again, meeting on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm at the Greenmount Chapel.
 - **Line Dancing** - On the lookout for someone who can lead us in a simple line dance. Venue may be the park. Date and time to be advised.
- 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** We are all back at church for Sacrament Meeting now so no schedule needed. Classes have not started back yet. The exception being Relief Society which is being held monthly.
- 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. Please see the assignment list at: greenmountward.com.au or on the noticeboard.

20-September Sheppard / N&B. King / Batten / M.Edwards / P&V. Thompson

27-September Beckham / Mattys / D. Lewis / Sinclair / L&N. Holder / P. Lewis

04-October Mcilwaine / H. Armitage / B. Armitage/ Chris Lentz-Reid
- **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
23/09/20	Pizza and Planning	LAN Gaming

Both youth activities this week will be at the chapel Wednesday at 7pm. Young Men please bring a laptop if you have one.

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 20th 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 demonstrations are on break for 3 weeks. Resuming 13th October after the 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.

Getting to Know the Sisters: *Donna Goodlet*

Something I have learnt from come follow me this year?

Our relationship with the Saviour is up to us - it's our responsibility to obtain a relationship with him by learning his ways & then it's up to us to maintain that relationship in spite of worldly distractions & challenges. By staying close to his teachings we have greater strength to endure life.

Something positive about Quarantine?

I loved the slower pace and it opened possibilities to do other things I had not done like plant a veggie patch. We found new ways to have fun such as Saturday night family disco in the lounge room.

What is the most interesting place you've ever been to?

Rome -loved the history.

What Fad or trend do you hope comes back?

Roller disco -roller skating !

What is special about the place you grew up?

Greenmount was special because we had beautiful surrounds & access to roaming the hills & paddocks, catching tadpoles in the creek and riding bikes with neighborhood kids. I really loved the family picnics to Rocky Pool & nearby National Park.

What's worth spending more money on to get the best?

A good hiking sleeping bag (I have a fear of a cold night sleep)

What would be the most amazing adventure to go on?

It would be great to go on a Midwest Trek & follow the path of the early pioneers. Either that or trekking base camp Nepal.

What are some small things that make your day better?

Prayer, a walk with my dog, sharing a cuppa, reading or listening to an interesting podcast, Oh and cake or chocolate!!

What could you give a 40 min presentation on with absolutely no preparation?

Managing Infant feeding & nutrition - so many angles to cover & I love helping mums on this important beginning of their mothering journey.

What's something you think people should do at least once in their lives?

See the musical "Les Miserables". I have seen it many times & the story & music are so inspiring.

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

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.

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:

14 - 20 September 3 Nephi 8-11	21- 27 September 3 Nephi 12-16	28 Sept - 11 October 3 Nephi 17-18
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20 September: Naomi Holder, Katey Morse, John Sheppard

21 September Tina Huia,

22 September Christian Haynes,

23 September Annalise Beckham,

24 September Dallin Morse

26 September Christine Anderson

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