

Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

13th September 2020

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"My brothers and sisters, do we remember to give thanks for the blessings we receive? Sincerely giving thanks not only helps us recognize our blessings, but it also unlocks the doors of heaven and helps us feel God's love."

Thomas S Monson

Bishop's Message



Hi Ward Family,

My beautiful wife gave me a gratitude journal as a gift when I was called as bishop. Maybe a subtle hint I need to be more grateful, still processing that one. I wrote today how grateful I am to be able to attend church on the sabbath, when many still aren't able to, such as those in Victoria and other parts of the world.

To help ease that burden the First Presidency approved this week a variety of ways weekly worship can resume, as local circumstances allow. For Greenmount this now means we can video broadcast sacrament and fast and testimony meetings to those members at home, excluding the administering of the sacrament and any video recording. Further details of when we will start will be announced this coming week.

Spiritual things can only be spiritually discerned (1 Cor. 2:14). President Boyd K. Packer was quoted saying, *"If all you know is what you see with your natural eyes and hear with your natural ears, then you will not know very much."* It might be said that if we only connect with others through our eyes and ears and not with our spirits, perhaps our connections are not as strong as we think they are. The scriptures describe the gift of discernment as the ability to *"understand or know something through the power of the spirit..."*

Elder Bednar said, *"The gift of discernment opens to us vistas that stretch far beyond what can be seen with natural eyes or heard with natural ears. Discerning is seeing with spiritual eyes and feeling with the heart."*

Our spirits are real in a material sense just as any other molecule or radio and light wave. The Prophet Joseph Smith explained this in Doctrine and Covenants 131:7– 8 when he revealed, *"There is no such thing as immaterial matter. All spirit is matter, but it is more fine or pure, and can only be discerned by purer eyes; We cannot see it; but when our bodies are purified we shall see that it is all matter."*

If the Holy Ghost magnifies our ability to sense spiritual things, then strengthening that ability to discern spiritual presence, helping bridge the separation between our earth life and heavenly home.

May we each strive to magnify ourselves using all those gifts the Father has given us, Holy Ghost, prayer, scriptures, prophets etc.. And show our gratitude for even the smallest things.

Sincerely
Bishop Spark

Ward Announcements

- **General Conference** 3 - 4th October.
- **Self-Reliance Class**, "Eat Healthy and be Active" has started up again, meeting on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm at the King's home - 13 Carlon Place, Swan View.
 - Saturday 19th September 7am - **Walk** for active exercise and company. Meet at the carpark top of Morrison Rd walking past the old **train tunnel** to the first **waterfalls** and back. 1 hour return walk at your own pace. All welcome.
 - **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** (FIFO and other workers who's schedule cannot fit into the 2 week schedule are welcome to attend the weeks they are able).
 - 13th September - Group A
 - 20th September - Group B
 - 27th September - Group A
 - 4th October- Group B (Testimony Meeting)
- 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.
 - 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
 - 27-September Beckham / Mattys / D. Lewis / Sinclair / L&N. Holder / P. Lewis
- **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
16/09/20	Netball (combined) Swan Active Midland 7pm	

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:

7 - 13 September 3 Nephi 1-7	14 - 20 September 3 Nephi 8-11	21- 27 September 3 Nephi 12-16
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13 September: Kay Mills
 14 September Esther Beebe
 19 September Banjo Falconbridge

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BOOK OF MORMON

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WORD BANK

LEHI	KING BENJAMIN	MORMON
NEPHI	ABINADI	MORONI
JACOB	ALMA	ETHER
ENOS	ALMA THE YOUNGER	BROTHER OF JARED
KING MOSTAH	HELANAN	SAMUEL

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