

Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

24th May 2020

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"Look and pray for opportunities to let your light shine that others may see the way to Jesus Christ."

Bonnie H. Cordon

Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,

I get the sense we are getting closer to returning to normal sabbath day services, which is great news. This week the First Presidency has provided a two phased approach in returning to sacrament meeting. Though it will require effort by each of us to ensure safe social distancing. When the bishopric receives instruction from the Area and Stake presidencies we will keep everyone informed on how and when we can return. Currently, the church's first phase can only be implemented when the WA government approves socialising in groups up to 100, estimated for late June.

In Matthew 18:3 the lord has asked us to "...become as little children...", and promises us the kingdom of heaven if we do. With that kind of reward it might just be worthwhile understanding how we do that. He goes on to say in verse 4, "...humble yourself as a child..." The key word here is *humble*. So what are childlike attributes? We only need to turn to a child to learn. Here are a few that come to mind when I look at my granddaughter Mya. Meek, submissive, quick to love, quick to forgive, faithful, quick to learn, always smiling, dutiful, humble, honest, innocent, questions everything and asks for help when needed. We have to bear in mind that for adults we came to this earth already possessing these attributes and with the weight of the world on our shoulders we have to work hard to keep them.

May we all strive to become as a child, each day, love our children for who they are and stay focused on the things that are important.

Sincerely,
Bishop Spark



Ward Announcements

- **Young men's "Volleyball" activity Wed 27th May 2020 at Bro. Luke Holders home 23 Camfield Rd, Darlington 6:30pm-8pm.** Call Luke on 0435553357 with any questions.
- **EQ Activity Saturday 30th May 2020 Swan Valley Club Oval 10am to 12 midday**

Low impact games and light brunch on the oval. Weather permitting. Due to restrictions we can only have the menfolk. Ward High Priest Quorum members included. Please advise the presidency if you are coming. Parking if possible at St Michael's church please (between the club and Don's home). walk through the pathway near the cricket nets. 770 Great Northern Highway Herne Hill just prior to the Herne Hill Post Office

- **RS Morning Tea. 26th of May Tuesday at 9.30am at Naomi Holders, 23 Camfield Rd Darlington, morning tea, and demonstration of quick recipes. Call or msg Naomi 0437 392 874**
- **RS Activity. 28th of May Thursday, at 9.30am, a bike ride from Mundaring to Swan view down the heritage trail.**

Ring Nicolette 0432 155 921 for details, and the plan of how this can all happen in regards to cars and bike pick up's etc.

- **RS lesson on Sunday via zoom at 11.30am**

We understand some families may be concerned with group activities, however, we will be adhering to social distance guidelines. We do understand this will require everyone to be vigilant and do our part as responsible citizens.

Ward Business

- We are pleased to announce that Sis. Joyce Reynolds has accepted a calling as a Relief Society teacher.

Tithing Pickup

Our next tithing pickup will be Sunday the rd of 7th June. Please contact one of the Bishopric members to add your name to our pick up list. Call Bishop 0423 440 576 or Bro. Holder 0425 502 2434.

Sister Missionaries in a very unique situation.

Please welcome our new sister missionaries into your homes for a meal if you are able and comfortable with this. They are again able to visit with members, and they are so happy about it after 6 weeks of real lock down. They are not allowed to go tracking, and are both newly together, so we encourage you to give them a call and see how you can help them do the work of the Lord, or just introduce yourself. Please give them a call on 0410 434 756 (They have no car and need picking up)



Relief Society Sister Spotlight. What I learned.

Hello from Alex McIlwaine

1. What have you learnt from come follow me this year ?

This week I learnt from a CFM podcast that Alma (younger) was likely a mature man (in his late 50's at least) when he had his conversion experience. (They pointed this out by looking at the timeline that it was only a few years later that his father Alma died at 82yrs..) Interesting and his parents no doubt were praying for him for a really long time before they saw him change.

2. What have you liked the most about quarantine ?

Slow time and being tucked away with my little crew.

3. What hobby would you like to get into?

Umm I feel like I'm interested in everything - but particularly atm sewing and beekeeping..

4. What is your ideal way to spend a weekend?

Doing a job around the house then going outdoors and having fun together (bikeriding, bushwalking , farm.. anything :)

5. What are some small things that make your day better.

Scripture study always makes my day better. I hope that doesn't sound too geeky but it really works for me!!

Elders Quorum

Elders Quorum lessons and dates:

24-05-20 Ensuring a righteous judgment – James R Rasband

14-06-20 Deep in our hearts- Douglas D Holmes

28-06-20 Come unto Christ- John A McCune

12-07-20 Consider the goodness and greatness of god – Dale G Renlund

26-07-20 A good foundation against the time to come- Gary E Stevenson

09-08-20 He goes before us- Henry B Eyring

23-08-20 The Melchizedek priesthood and the keys- Dallin H Oaks

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

Young women



navigating

a parents' moment

A discussion around the lunch table at work recently caught my attention. A sports-loving basketball-playing colleague was talking about being a teenager when Nike brought out their first “Air Jordan” shoes and mentioning how he pressured his parents to buy a pair ...

Fast forward to today, when a really normal discussion between a child and parent takes the form of “... *if I don't have Instagram (or any other important item) my life is over!*”

Something we can forget in the intensity of the discussion is the “other” world that is both real and hidden. Honestly, there are probably still things we won't talk to our parents about – this world is as real for us as our teens. As many parents express, it feels like constantly holding a line in a battle – social media, dating, standards ... and sometimes holding the line becomes easier if we can understand the impact of the other world and respond with kindness, openness and acceptance as we navigate the turbulence and search for useful answers!



Amber Brown 25th May
April Wilby 26th May
Chloe Gardner 28th May
Evie Mcllwaine 29th May

Primary

Primary spotlight

Sariah Beckham

What's your favourite hymn or primary song?

Follow the Prophet

Who do you miss seeing the most at church?

My friends.

Why is Jesus Christ special to you?

Because he loves me so, so much!

What is your favourite scripture story and why?

When Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ visit Joseph Smith.

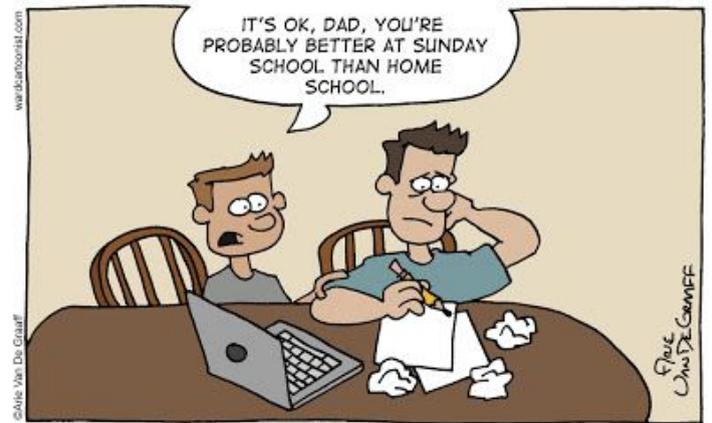


Weekly “Come, Follow Me” Home Centered Learning

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:

May 11– 17 Mosiah 18–24	May 18 - 24 Mosiah 25-28	May 25 - 31 Mosiah 29 - Alma 4	1 - 6 June Alma 5 - 7
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The Isolation Cantillation



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If you want to add something to the newsletter then please contact Michael McIlwaine on michael.mcilwaine@gmail.com