

Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

21st June 2020

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“The historical facts and the special witnesses of the Book of Mormon testify that its coming forth was indeed miraculous.”
Elder Ulisses Soares

Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,

I remember as a young man I was unsure whether to leave my friends and life to serve a full-time mission for the church, that I had to fund myself. My life seemed content as an 18-year-old, so why rock the boat now and serve a mission? But I had a bishop who knew better. Bishop Duke took me under his wing, working closely with me on, “...what mattered most”? He made it clear, I, on my own, needed to decide to serve or not to serve, in essence, receive my own answer through the spirit of revelation. I have to say that answer didn't come in a lightning bolt or even straight away, rather it was a small voice in my mind I kept pushing away “you already know the answer”. I served a full-time mission in Brisbane that changed me and my testimony forever. I'm indebted to Bishop Duke taught me about worthiness, pondering, prayer, and how to receive my own revelation.

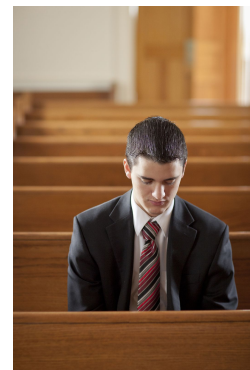
Spencer W. Kimball made this statement, “*Of all things, that ... we should be most grateful for is that the heavens are indeed open and that the restored church of Jesus Christ is founded upon the rock of revelation. Continuous revelation is indeed the very lifeblood of the gospel of the living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*”

This same revelation he speaks of is available to every person who by proper priesthood authority through baptism and the laying on of hands, to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. This blessing is not restricted to the presiding authorities of the Church, rather, it belongs to and should be operating in the life of every man, woman, and child who reaches the age of accountability. If we are sincere and worthy, revelation can be ours **continually!**

Try to imagine what great achievements we could accomplish with continual revelation. What progress we could make. Ask yourself a question: “what in life is holding me back from being the person I could and should be?” If we can answer this honestly to ourselves we can then start to remove those road blockers preventing us back from reaching our full potential.

I look forward to seeing members and investigators who have been extended an invitation to church this Sunday. We as a Bishopric also look forward to when we all can meet again.

Sincerely,
Bishop Spark



Ward Announcements

- When ministering could you please check if people are receiving announcements in text messages from Belinda King. These messages contain various announcements from the bishopric, elders quorum, and relief society. These messages are a way of delivering important information. If your ministering people are not receiving these text messages can you seek their permission to give their mobile number to Belinda King.

Ward Business

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Tithing Pickup

Our next tithing pickup will be Sunday the 5th July. 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.

For Parents



navigating a parents' moment

When the world explodes as it has in the last few weeks, what are our options to help our teens make sense of injustice?

Injustice seems to be removed from other words that occur in social and news media ... and yet for me, it seems to be the perfect word to encapsulate the multiple tensions that merge ... inequality ... racism ... violence ... labelling ... tensions rooted, perhaps in scarcity?

"How can we respond to this in informed, Christ-like ways" ... what conversations are useful with our children?

My daily work often meets the tensions of inequality, violence and labelling. Personally find wisdom in the understanding of the concept of "unreal othering". As one writer stated:

The more different someone seems from us, the more unreal they may feel to us. We can too easily ignore or dismiss people when they are of a different race or religion, when they come from a different socio-economic "class." Assessing them as either superior or inferior, better or worse, important or unimportant, we distance ourselves.

In Christ-like ways, we can respond, creating "one-another" rather than "unreal other" ... Martin Luther King asserted *"All [people] are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.*

Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be.” In this endeavour I have learned that:

- I can speak well of others: avoiding stereotypes and labels, assuming the best rather than the worst, focusing on strengths/gifts first rather than shortcomings.
- I can give space to listening to others’ stories.
- I can pray for those whom I identify as enemies or “others,” both locally and globally.

May we carefully navigate and find our way in this opportunity!

Youth



navigating

for youth

I am never sure where we'll be next ... as restrictions have come and restrictions have gone ... and more seriously, life has changed and young and old have globally joined hands in protesting against injustices ...

There is an interesting balance to life ... as President Gordon B Hinckley, quoting his favourite journalist, said:

Life is like an old-time rail journey – delays, side-tracks, smoke, dust, cinders, and jolts, interspersed only occasionally by beautiful vistas and thrilling busts of speed. The trick is to thank the Lord for letting you have the ride.

So, lets happily record our rail journey so far this year ...

- We can name what is lost and lament it together. We can say, “That’s rough.” We can be sad. We can acknowledge sources of anger and irritability. There are plenty of those sources right now and more coming.
- And equally, let us list gratitude. We can be thankful; we can share the little surprises of this disruption. Playing guitar again. Watching movies together. Not packing lunches every morning. Having devices to connect with friends.
- And we can thank the Lord for letting us have the ride!

Go and Do!

Missionaries

Welcome to our new sister missionary, **Sister Tukuafu**.



Name: Sister Tukuafu

Nationality: Tonga

Age: 20

Been on the mission: 8 month

Email: losaline.tukuafu@missionary.org

Favourite scripture(2 of it): D&C 3:3 and also D&C 6:36

Favourite word: Awesome

I just also wanna say, I'm honored to be here and so looking forward to work with you all and Thank you for all you do and I love you all heaps already..💜👍.

Relief Society

We have a sisters text message list. When we have news to share, or information to give we send out a group text. If you have a mobile phone and you do not get weekly Zoom links, then this means you are not on the list. Please contact Nicolette or Belinda to pass on your mobile number.

Please note the upcoming activities:

- Relief society Zoom lesson at 11:30 am is still on this week even though some people are invited to church.

The meeting ID: 783 217 6099

Password: Pioneer47

Phone in option, call: 715 01149

You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID (783 217 6099#)

You will be asked to enter your user name but you can just press #.

- Tuesday, 23 June at 9:30 am there will be a morning tea and recipe demonstration at Naomi Holder's house.

Sisters in the spotlight

Laura Goodlet

1. What did you enjoy the most about isolation ?

In isolation I enjoyed getting to spend time with my siblings and finding funny tiktoks to show each other

2.What are some small things that make your day better ?

Small things that make my day better are going for a nature walk; reading a good book (Elena Ferrante I cannot recommend enough!!) and tidying my room.
Also when I listen to divine guidance, my day goes better

3. What would be the most amazing adventure to go on?

I would like to hike through icy Alaska and watch the northern lights!

4. Where would you spend most of your time if you could ?

I would spend most of my time outside

5. What trend do you hope comes back ?

If something goes out of trend there's a reason and it should stay out of trend haha

Elders Quorum

Elders Quorum lessons and dates:

- 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



- Waite, Maureen
- McGrechan, Lisa
- Gardner-Grieve, Rebecca Lilly
- Paul, Ronny
- Hofbauer, Stephanie
- Wemper, Hazel
- Milner, Guy
- Tan, Franchesca
- Tan, Francine Rebecca
- Thoms, Trevor Douglas
- Spark, Mya Marie
- Brown, Simon Peter
- Falconbridge, Yindi Willow
- Round, Wendy
- Webb, Ann-marie
- Gideon, Glen
- Arblaster, Hazel
- Desmond, Timothy
- O'Brien, Eiranne
- Meredith, Janice Ingrid
- Vini, Sauluma
- Brown, Kallan Ryan
- Desmond, Meshia E.
- Whelan, Siobhan Jessie
- McCall, Rebecca Kimberley Lauren
- Brown, Olivia Isobel
- Punaivaha, Penelope Lucy

Primary

Here are a few songs to go along with the lessons for the month of June which are great teaching helps and a way to remember principles for our children to know if families could practice at home so that when we come back to primary we will be prepared for our sacrament presentation later in the year and be familiar with the songs.

- We'll bring the world his truth. (cs pg172)
- Follow the prophet (cs pg 110).
- I want to be a missionary now (cs pg 168).

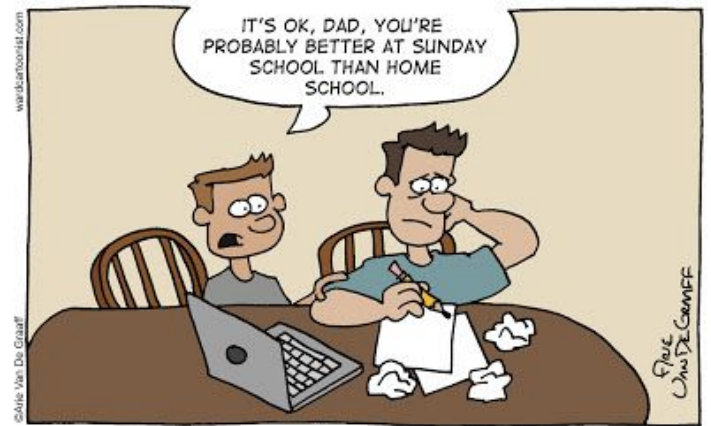
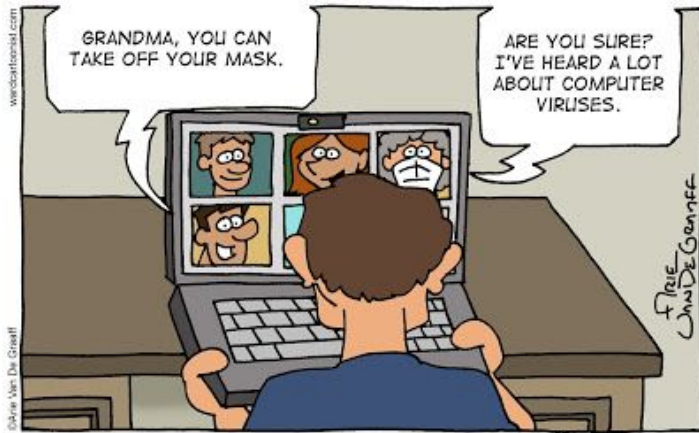
Love primary.

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:

22 - 28 June Alma 17 - 22	29 June - 5 July Alma 23 - 29	6 - 12 July Alma 30 - 31	13 - 19 July Alma 32 - 35
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The Isolation Cantillation



If you did not receive the business email or this newsletter via email, please contact Neville King (0412 684 403) with your email address to be added to the ward list.

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