

Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

12th July 2020

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"The gospel, the Church of Jesus Christ and the Lord helped us to learn that physical distance does not mean we have to be socially distance from each other. We learned to focus on and enjoy the things we could do and experience, and not so much on the things we might miss."

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,

Last Sunday 65 members attended Greemounts "Fast and Testimony" meeting. I believe we have become a custom to adjustments in the name of sanitisation. With wireless microphones being passed around the congregation and sanitising them

between speakers, we heard many uplifting and heartfelt testimonies. A special spirit was in attendance. I'm always amazed at the strength and determination of members that no matter the trial or hardship they continue getting up and moving ahead with the Saviour in focus. A special and personal thank you to those who bore their testimonies.

Nephi saw in a vision the Savior descending upon the covenant people who were scattered across the world. President Nelson stated in a talk at General Conference. He said "*You, my brother and sisters, are among those men, women and children Nephi saw. "Think of that!"*"

It may not seem like it at times, but we live in an exciting time on earth, a time that prophets of old have prophesied, and have been fulfilled. For example, Daniel said the Lord's church would rise up in the last days as a small stone "*cut out of the mountain without hands*" i.e. by divine inspiration. Fill the whole world never to be destroyed but stand forever. (Daniel 2:44). Since Elijah has come, we now have temples all around the world and temple work can be done for yourself and ancestors.

Joseph of Egypt said that in the latter days "*a seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto to the fruit of my loins*" (2 Nephi 3:6). Malachi spoke of Elijah turning "*the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers.*" (Malachi 4:6).

Paul wrote that in the fulness of times, God would "*gather ... in one all things in Christ,*" (Ephesians 1:10) "*Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone.*" (Ephesians 2:20)

Now understanding these prophecies, ponder the significance of the photo of our Prophet and Apostles standing in Italy, Rome, at the dedication of the Rome temple. The church and temple work have been and continue to be restored as the prophets of old had prophesied. We as members are part of this work today.



President Nelson calls our time the greatest challenge, the greatest cause, and the greatest work on earth today.” With this I say the greatest hope in knowing the Lord is in control and his work is being accomplished and we are of his chosen people. So continue to strive through this life no matter what hurdles are thrown your way with a focus on the Savior and as he promises, your reward will be great and eternal.

Sincerely,
Bishop Spark

Reference:

President Russell M. Nelson “Hear Him” Sunday morning session of April General Conference.

Elder Ronald A Rasband “Fulfillment of Prophecy” Sunday morning session of April General Conference.

Ward Announcements

- Sunday church remains for those without Priesthood in the home and those with an invitation. As soon as the Bishopric has new restriction easing information, we will notify all members of any changes to Sunday the meeting program.
- Congratulations to Jordan and Mackenzie (Molewyk) King who were married in an historic church (1905) near Donnybrook last Saturday. They were sealed in the Perth temple on Saturday the 10th July.
- Convert baptism of Ryan 18th July. The Missionaries in the ward have been teaching him for sometime and we are now privileged to be part of his special day.

Ward Business

- Nil

Tithing

If you wish to pay tithing and/offerings in person then please drop it off to a member of the bishopric at the chapel at 10:15 am (if you're not already attending church).

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!

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.

During the school holidays we won’t be holding a morning tea activity.

Primary

Now we are in July here is this month’s primary songs to learn at home:

-“my Heavenly Father loves me”(pg 228 cs).

-“faith”(pg96)

-“as I search the holy scriptures”.(pg 277 cs)

If there are any families who would like some paper copies of the Sunday lessons for primary at home please contact sister Beckham or sister Hamilton.

We hope to be back as a primary very soon, missing you all, love primary presidency.

Elders Quorum

Elders Quorum lessons and dates:

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



Paul Thompson - 12 July
Sione Punaivaha - 16 July

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:

6 - 12 July Alma 30 - 31	13 - 19 July Alma 32 - 35	20 - 26 July Alma 36 - 38	27 July - 2 Aug Alma 39 - 42
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