



Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

26th July 2020

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"Receiving revelation only comes, at least in my case, when I have those still and quiet moments. I have found I cannot connect with heaven in a mass of clutter."

President M. Russell Ballard



Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,

The covid-19 situation doesn't seem to be slowing to a safe level in the eastern states as it has in WA. However, the flow on effect has delayed the WA government in removing all restrictions here, now extending the date again until the 15th August. Even with restrictions removed we still require church leadership approval for the next phase.

We as a Bishopric now feel it necessary to make an adjustment to those that can attend sacrament meetings. We would like to extend the invitation to all families and this will consist of a 50/50 split of the ward members and attending alternate weeks, beginning 2nd August. An announcement will be made this week, with details of the two A & B groups and attendance dates.

I believe we have seen the benefits of having church at home, and I don't mean the sleep in type. I've heard wonderful stories of learning the gospel together as a family and for parents being able to teach and answer gospel questions. For us, having sacrament at home with our 2 year old granddaughter is our special moment. She gets all excited as sacrament is being prepared and then sits seriously and reverently, arms folded, waiting her turn to partake of the bread and water. She's still learning proportions of the bread and water, but small steps. These special moments and experiences of learning and growing together at home, I believe, are what the Savior had always intended with the introduction of the home gospel learning program. This can and should continue post covid-19.

Even with these benefits, as I sat in the first sacrament meeting back in the chapel, I knew this is where we all should be. There was a special spirit and a strong sense of unity. Our first fast and testimony meeting was especially uplifting, as we heard from people we wouldn't normally hear from, as they continued to push forward despite health and other difficulties, remaining centred on the Savior.

The Savior gave instructions for us to meet weekly. He knew the importance of this, as in time, there is a higher risk we could drift further from the straight and narrow path. Strength and safety in numbers allows each of us the opportunity to serve and support one another, through the good and bad times. As a Bishopric we look forward to meeting each of you again on your schedule Sunday and sharing your testimonies and uplifting experiences.

Sincerely,
Bishop Spark

Ward Announcements

- **The Bishopric feel it necessary to make an adjustment to those that can attend sacrament meetings. The adjustment will be a 50/50 split of the ward members and attending alternate weeks beginning 2nd August. An announcement will be made through our normal channels (Facebook, Email, text or phone call) this week, with details of the two A & B groups and attendance dates.**
- 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.

Ward Business

- Nil

Tithing

If you wish to pay tithing and/offering 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).

Relief Society

We want to set up a meal roster for the sister missionaries. Due to current circumstances we encourage you to contact the Sister directly, on 0410 434 756, to make a meal appointment.

Morning tea and recipe demonstration will continue each week on Tuesdays at 9:30 am at Naomi Holder's home.

Relief society Zoom lessons will continue each week, for those who wish to join, until church goes back to normal.

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:

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



Lucy Alexander - 28 July
Pam Hall - 29 July
Fi Clark - 30 July
Usu Vinni - 30 July
Megan Henderson - 2 Aug

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:

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| 20 - 26 July Alma 36 - 38 | 27 July - 2 Aug Alma 39 - 42 | 3 - 9 August Alma 43 - 52 | 10 -16 August Alma 53 - 63 |
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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

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