

Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

2nd August 2020

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"We can do difficult things and help others do the same, because we know in whom we can trust.."

Elder John A. McCune

Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,

In the scriptures there are very few places where the voice of Heavenly Father has been heard and recorded. He showed Himself unto Adam and Eve, he spoke to Moses on Mt Sinai and his sacred meeting with Joseph Smith in the First Vision. Repeatedly Heavenly Father introduces Jesus Christ and requests us to Hear Him. Heavenly Father did just that with Joseph when he called him by name saying "This is my beloved son Hear Him!" President Nelson, in his recent general Conference talk asked us the same question, but personalising it:

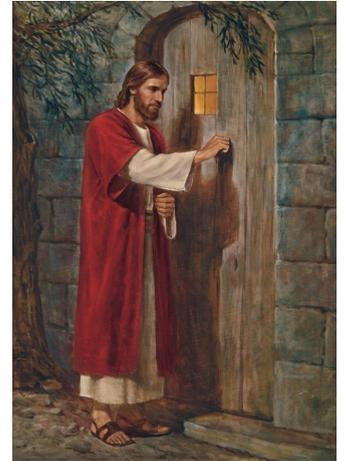
"How do you Hear Him?"

It is near impossible to Hear Him when our lives are so busy, cluttered, or distracted. The adversary would have us lost in the world of noise and chaos blocking out any hope of hearing Him and those things that are most important. Having thoughts of the Saviour during our busy day can quickly transform us to a place of calmness and peace, where we can focus and invite those subtle and warm impressions into our heart. For the heart is how we listen, not with our ears.

When I received a new job offer in Western Australia we were living in the Hunter Valley, NSW and things were progressing nicely. Being unsure whether to take the offer and with a house full of noise and bickering teenagers, I decided to sit in the car where there was peace and quiet to ponder what to do. I sat there going over the options, positives and negatives and decided to pray. Nearly instantaneously, after uttering the words Western Australia in my prayer I received an overwhelming impression that was the right decision. I finished the prayer, grateful for an answer so quickly, like I've never had before. I ran back inside and announced it to the family, pack your bags we're moving. That brought surprise and some uncertainty from everyone, but I knew that is where Heavenly Father wanted us to go. At the time I did not know exactly why, but time has a way of answering all questions, and 10 years later it is now clear to me.

One way I "Hear Him" is by trying to follow and acting on the promptings of the Holy Ghost. May you find your ways of Hearing Him and the peace and joy that follows.

Sincerely - Bishop Spark



Ward Announcements

- Sacrament Schedule

2nd August - Group A (Testimony meeting)

9th August - Group B

16th August - Group A

23rd August - Group B

30th August - Group A

6th September - Group B (Testimony meeting)

- 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/offerings in person please bring along to your schedule Sunday.

Relief Society

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 now be held **monthly**, with the next lesson scheduled for 23 August.

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:

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

Parents



navigating

a parents' moment

“Sawubona ... “

“... Ngikhona”

“I see you, and because I see you, you exist ...”

“... *I am here, I am validated, I matter*”

Inherent in this Zulu greeting and its graceful response, is [the sense that until you saw me, I didn't exist to you.](#) [By acknowledging me, you brought me into existence, I am here ...](#)

I think about the soul-affirming ways God greets his children ...

“*Moses, my Son*”

“*Adam ... where are you?*”

“*Yes, David, Saul will come down ...*”

And then I ponder the value-affirming conversations which follow, based on what has been brought-into-existence in the greeting and its subsequent affirmation.

What do we bring into existence when we greet our children ... what is it that we see when we speak to our youth?

“Sawubona ... I see you as a being of worth ... as a human being who is doing the best that can be done ... as a talented individual ... as having valid thoughts and feelings about God, life and the universe ...”

“*Ngikhona ... I am here ... I am heard ... I am affirmed ... I matter ...*”

[Sawubona!](#)



Megan Henderson - 2 Aug
Kay Jordan - 3 Aug
Nathan Fischer-Rasmussen - 3 Aug
Manly Holder - 6 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:

27 July - 2 Aug Alma 39 - 42	3 - 9 August Alma 43 - 52	10 -16 August Alma 53 - 63	17 - 23 Helaman 1 - 6
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