

Greenmount Ward

NEWSLETTER

9th August 2020

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"Dear friends, the road ahead may be bumpy, but our destination is serene and secure. So, fasten your seatbelt, hang on through the bumps, and do what is right. Your reward will be eternal."

President Russell M. Nelson

Bishop's Message

Hi Ward Family,

Last Sunday at church it was wonderful to see and meet with members who hadn't been there for many months. Testimony meeting was uplifting with a unique flavour of sharing personal testimony with a portable microphone or standing where we sat. As one faithful Sister mentioned, *"This is how we bore our testimony years ago"*.

I have always found it interesting how an analogy or parable can teach us so much more than just trying to explain things through words. The Saviour taught using many parables and analogies as did other apostles. They allow us to ponder, contemplate and analyse deeply the message, that then magnifies our understanding - only if we are truly listening or have a desire to understand.

One of those analogies was given by Paul in Ephesians 2:19-20; *"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the **chief cornerstone**"*

What does a cornerstone actually do? It's the **first stone** laid in a stone building from which all other stones are referenced to their own position and **alignment**. The cornerstone **connects and unites** other walls. The cornerstone is chosen because it's the **strongest** of all stones, able to take the weight of other stones above.

What do we learn in reference to the Saviour as our chief cornerstone?

- **Is the first:** Jesus is the firstborn of all His children and first resurrected. (Heb 1:6, D&C 93:21)
- **Alignment:** Jesus is our guide, our compass, who commands in word and we try to heed and obey his teachings.
- **Connects and unites;** us all by *"inviteth..... all to come unto him"*. (2 Nephi 26:33). He allowed us through the Atonement to repent and become clean, able to reunite with Heavenly Father. Prophets of old and today help encourage us to unite in our effort to do as the Saviour taught.
- **Strongest:** Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the world. A pain and torcher I can't comprehend. We can now repent and become clean with the opportunity for the greatest of all blessings.

May we follow His example, His teachings, His gospel and His commandments. He paid the ultimate price allowing us to return and live with our Heavenly Father again, it would be a shame to have been done in vain.

Sincerely - Bishop Spark

Ward Announcements

- Sacrament Schedule
 - ★ 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.
- Chapel Cleaning schedule is back. Please see the assignment list at: grenmountward.com.au or on the noticeboard.

Youth Activities

Date	YW	YM
05/08/20	Bonfire	Glow in the Dark Frisbee
12/08/20	Car Spotto	Improv Games
19/08/20	Combined: Night Games	
26/08/20	Individual Class Activities	World Record Night

Both YM and YW will be meeting at the chapel this week at 7pm for their activities

FSY

We encourage all youth to sign up for FSY which is on next year, 18 Jan 2021 - 23 Jan 2021
<https://perthfsy2021.ldsconventions.com/register.cfm>

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!



Lacey Ogg - 10 Aug
David Anderson - 11 Aug
Michael Mcllwaine - 11 Aug
Phoebe Mills - 12 Aug
Laura Goodlet - 13 Aug
Ady Armitage - 13 Aug
Valarie Bickers - 14 Aug
Mandy Powry - 16 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:

3 - 9 August Alma 43 - 52	10 -16 August Alma 53 - 63	17 - 23 August Helaman 1 - 6	24 - 30 August Helaman 7 - 12
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