

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE

# NEWSLETTER

February 2026



*The Light of His Love by Yongsung Kim*

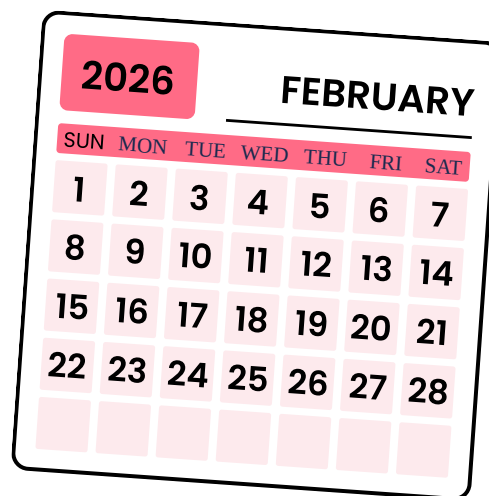
You have family in your Savior Jesus Christ who loves you. He came to earth to atone for our sins and bear the burden of our mistakes and very bad days. He understands what you are facing and feeling. Turn to Him, trust He will send the Holy Ghost to be with you, lift you, and guide you.

Elder Ronald A. Rasband

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**Sunday, February 1**

- Temple Prep, Stake Center Primary Room, 4 pm
- Young Women Leadership Council, All ward and branch YW presidencies and secretaries, Stake Center Relief Society room, 4 - 5:30 pm
- Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults in North and South America, 7 pm, Institute Building

**Saturday, February 7**

- Multi-Stake Dance for youth turning 14+, Hosted by Lincoln

**Sunday, February 8**

- Temple Prep, Stake Center Primary Room, 4 pm

**Thursday, February 12**

- Red Cross Blood Drive, 12 - 6 pm, Stake Center

**Sunday, February 15**

- SYLC Meeting, for ward stake youth representatives, Stake Center, 3 pm
- Temple Prep, Stake Center, Primary Room, 4 pm
- "Why I Believe" Fireside, Trail Center, 6 pm

**Saturday, February 21**

- Omaha Stake Youth Sports activity, Stake Center, 9 - 11 am

**Sunday, February 22**

- Columbus Branch Conference
- Mission Prep, Stake Center Primary Room, 4 pm

**Wednesday, February 25**

- Young Women Camp Kick-Off, for YW and Parents, Stake Center, 7 - 8 pm

**Thursday - Saturday, March 5 - 7**

- RootsTech 2025

**Saturday, March 7**

- Omaha Stake Youth Activity, Stake Center, 3 - 5 pm

**Saturday, March 14**

- Stake Conference, Priesthood Leadership, 3 - 4:30 pm
- Stake Conference, Adult Session, 6 - 7:30 pm

**Sunday, March 15**

- Stake Conference, General Session, 10am, Stake Center and Broadcast to Fremont and Columbus buildings



2026 Omaha Nebraska Stake Vision

# COME HOME TO THE LORD

CHOOSE HIM JOIN HIM REJOICE WITH HIM

We invite you to “Come Home to the Lord” in 2026. To do this we want to continue the pattern of **choosing Him** daily, **joining Him** in His work of salvation and exaltation, and **rejoicing with Him** as we experience the blessings of the gospel. In 2026, we emphasize the important role that your **home** and the **temple** play in that process.

## YOUR HOME

“Only the home can compare with the temple in sacredness.” (Bible Dictionary). Like the temple, your home can become a refuge from the world. This occurs when we “yield to the enticings of the Holy Spirit” (Mosiah 3:19) and choose to have daily experiences with the Lord, personally and as a family. We invite you to commit to join the Lord in His work in your home by:

- Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ - diligently learn, live, and teach the gospel in your home.
- Caring for Those in Need - minister to others in their homes and allow others to do the same for you.
- Invite All to Receive the Gospel - with the Lord’s Spirit in your home, it becomes a place where you can share the gospel with those not currently living with its blessings.

You can come home to the Lord as you invite His Spirit into your home daily and allow His work to occur there. (see Revelation 3:20, D&C 88:119, Hymn #1020 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling).

## THE TEMPLE

“The temple is literally a house of the Lord.” (Bible Dictionary). The Lord invites us to come home to Him in the temple as we strive to live His gospel and unite families for eternity. President Russell M. Nelson taught us that nothing will bless us more than the time we spend in the temple. We invite all youth and adult members to choose to work with their local church leaders to obtain a temple recommend, and then to worship there, joining the Lord in His work as often as your circumstances permit. (see Psalm 27:4)

## PROMISED BLESSINGS

As representatives of Jesus Christ, we promise that coming home to the Lord in our homes and in the temple will be a tremendous blessing. The Holy Spirit will teach each of us how to apply this vision to our individual lives, and as we act on those promptings, we will experience greater peace and happiness. We will have increased opportunities to rejoice with the Lord and with each other. (see Luke 15:6)

Omaha Nebraska Stake Presidency  
Paul D. McAllister, Barry W. Webber, Danny C. Leavitt

# FEBRUARY YOUTH CALENDAR

2026		FEBRUARY					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	

## Sundays

- Temple Prep Class, for Juniors, Seniors, and YA preparing for the temple, Stake Center Primary Room, 4 pm

## Feb 1st from 4-5:30 pm

- Young Women Leadership Council for all YW Presidencies and Secretaries, at the Omaha Stake Center RS room

## February 7th from 6-9 pm

- Multi-Stake Dance for youth turning 14+, Hosted by Lincoln **(see flyer on the next page)**



## February 8th (Right after church on Sunday at your building)

- Seminary registration information meeting for all parents and youth

## February 15th SYLC MEETING at 3 pm

- For ward stake youth committee members, Omaha Stake Center

## February 21st from 9-11 am

- Youth Sport Activity hosted by the Stake YM, Omaha Stake Center. This is a casual activity aimed at playing sports together, and you're invited to bring friends!



## February 25th from 7-8 pm

- Camp Kickoff, for all YW and parents, Omaha Stake Center **(see flyer on the next page)**



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MULTI-STAKE

# FIRESIDE & DANCE

Ages 14+

SAT.  
FEBRUARY | 7 | @ 6-9 PM

6:00-6:30 - Fireside in chapel w/ Elder & Sister Ames (attire should be modest and respectful, but doesn't need to be Sunday dress)  
6:30-7:00 - Swing dance instruction  
7:00-9:00 - Dance w/ carnival games & live band Downtown Collective

3000 OLD CHENEY ROAD

DOWNTOWN COLLECTIVE BAND

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## 2026 OMAHA STAKE YOUNG WOMEN

*Camp Kick-Off*

7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

OMAHA NEBRASKA STAKE CENTER  
14680 CALIFORNIA STREET, OMAHA, NE 68154

PARENTS, PLEASE JOIN YOUR DAUGHTERS  
FOR OUR CAMP KICK-OFF!

*Come ready to have fun, meet the camp  
leaders, and learn this year's theme!*

ALSO:

REGISTER FOR CAMP

CAMP Q &amp; A

SIGN IMPORTANT PAPERWORK

RECEIVE CAMP INFORMATION

*Refreshments Provided*



Youth Conference 2026: Nauvoo and Carthage, Ill.

Dates: June 3-6

Dear Parents and Youth,

We are anxiously planning our Youth Conference trip to Nauvoo this spring. We are hoping to create an environment where the youth will feel the Spirit of the Lord and have experiences that will change hearts and will remember for the rest of their lives.

Some information about Youth Conference to know:

- No cost to youth or families
- Transportation to and from Nauvoo will be provided by a professional bus service.
- Lodging will be at Camp Nauvoo, youth will need a sleeping bag, pillow and towel.
- Baptisms will be at the Nauvoo temple and church dress and a current temple recommend will be needed.

A brief outline of the schedule is below:

- Wed June 3<sup>rd</sup>, depart Omaha Stake center 7:30am
- Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, Visit Nauvoo sites,
- Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, attend Nauvoo Temple, Nauvoo sites
- Saturday, Carthage jail visit, depart for Omaha, arrive approx. 8pm.

We will have more information coming soon along with registration links. We love and appreciate the youth and we are excited to be with them during this wonderful opportunity.

With love,

Stake YW and YM presidencies



# OMAHA STAKE YOUNG WOMEN 2026 Calendar

January 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm  
Omaha Stake youth activity *for all youth turning 12+*  
Omaha Stake Center

February 7<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm  
Multi-Stake Dance - *for youth turning 14+*  
Hosted by Lincoln Stake

February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
YW Camp Kick Off *for all Young Women and parents*  
Omaha Stake Center

March 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm  
Omaha Stake youth activity *for all youth turning 12+*  
Experience Nauvoo  
Omaha Stake Center

April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm  
Multi-Stake Dance *for youth turning 14+*  
Hosted by Council Bluffs

## YOUTH SUMMER TEMPLE AND FAMILY HISTORY CLASS

A Temple and Family History Class for younger youth (turning 12 or 13 in 2026) will be held at the Omaha FamilySearch Center during the week of June. Additional details will be provided in the March newsletter.

<p>June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Omaha Stake YW Camp Bear Creek Campground <i>For all young women turning 12+</i></p>	<p>June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Omaha Stake Youth Conference: Nauvoo/Carthage <i>For youth turning 14+</i></p>	<p>July 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Combined YW/YM High Adventure <i>For current sophomores, juniors, and seniors</i></p>
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August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Seminary Kick Off, Dinner & Dance *for youth turning 14+*  
Hosted by Papillion Stake

September  
Walk with Me Music Devotional  
*For all youth turning 12+*

October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm  
Multi-Stake Dance *for youth turning 14+*  
Hosted by Omaha Stake

November 7<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm  
Omaha Stake Youth Activity *for youth turning 12 & 13*

January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2027  
Multi-Stake Dance *for youth turning 14+*  
Hosted by Papillion



## Key Dates for Young Men's Camps

### May 8-9

- Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration
- Ages 12-18 with Fathers
- Place TBD

### June 3-6

- Youth Conference
- Ages 14-18

### June 18-20

#### Young Men's Camp

- Deacons and Teaches below Junior in High School
- Place TBD
- Anticipated Cost \$250 per attendee

### July 13-18

- Combined YM/YW High Adventure
- **Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors (including recent graduates)**
- Black Hills, SD
- 1 Youth and their parent needed from each ward for planning committee
- 1 Adult from each ward as Chaperone
- Activities: Hiking, Fishing, Exploring, Water activity, Firesides
- Anticipated Cost \$250 per attendee
- Prep Activities to be recommended by the Stake Youth Leaders

### October 9-10

- Young Men's Fall Campout
- Ages 12-18
- Place TBD

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# YOUNG SINGLE ADULTS: COME JOIN US!

**Mondays:** YSA Family Home Evening (FHE) at 7 pm

**Wednesdays:** YSA Institute class at 6:30 pm at the Institute Building.

Dinner is served at 6 pm.

**Thursdays:** YSA Institute Class at 6 pm at Papillion Stake Center

**Thursdays:** Volleyball at Papillion Stake Center at 7 pm (Teens/Adults)

**Feb 1:** YSA Worldwide Devotional with Elder and Sister Kearon at 7 pm.

Broadcast is online, but we will be watching as a group at the Institute building at 7 pm.

**Feb 3:** Webinar – BYU Pathway Information Session for Women at 1 pm (free registration required)

**Feb 4:** Webinar – BYU Pathway Information Session for Women at 8 pm (free registration required)

**Feb 5:** YSA Relief Society Craft and Chat at 7 pm (Bring your own craft) (contact YSA for address)

**Feb 10:** YSA Ward Temple Night – Baptisms at 8 pm, Endowment Session at 7:30 pm.

We post all of our activities on our ward Facebook page (linked [here](#)), which helps when we have cancellations and location changes for FHE, etc. Additionally, the institute has a website with all its class information, locations, and instructors (linked [here](#)).

EASTER CELEBRATION

## *Journey with Christ*

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS



## PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026

6 PM

PAPILLION STAKE CENTER

12009 SOUTH 84TH STREET, PAPILLION, NE 68046

All are invited to join us in celebrating the life and mission of Jesus Christ through music and word. We invite you to bring canned goods, which will be donated to a local charity.



WANT TO JOIN THE MULTI-STAKE  
CHOIR FOR AN EASTER MUSIC  
CELEBRATION?

## *Journey with Christ*

Youth Choir: Ages 8-14

Adult Choir: Ages 14 and up

Rehearsals at the Omaha Stake Center  
Sunday February 22, March 1, March 8  
Youth Choir 3:30-4:00 PM  
Adult Choir 4:00-5:00 PM

Rehearsals at the Papillion Stake Center  
Youth and Adult Choir  
Sunday, March 22 4:00 PM  
Saturday, March 28 10:30 AM  
Sunday, March 29 4:30 PM

Performance at the Papillion Stake  
Center for Youth and Adult Choir  
Sunday, March 29 6:00 PM

Questions?  
Contact Allyson Rodriguez  
801-885-5738



# CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Council Bluffs Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting the fourth annual Easter Art Show, March 27 - April 5, 2026, at the Mormon Trail Center at Winter Quarters in Omaha, Nebraska. To celebrate Easter, we call for artists to submit works that center around the theme "Light of Life" referencing the scripture John 8:12: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

We welcome 2D and 3D artists from Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota to apply. Each artist can submit up to three pieces of artwork. 2D and 3D media may include painting, pastel, drawing, textile art, photography, floral arrangement, printmaking, sculpture, glass, stained glass, clay, ceramics, wood, leather, stone, metal, archival printed digital art, and mixed media.

There will be three categories of participants: 1) Adults 18+, 2) Youth ages 12-17, and 3) Children ages 11 and younger. The children's art may follow the prompt: Jesus Christ is my Savior and Friend

**PLEASE COMPLETE AN APPLICATION TO SUBMIT ARTWORK BY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2026.**

**Click here to submit an application: [EasterArt.org](https://EasterArt.org)**





Celebrate Easter with us at *The Living Christ*, hosted by the Omaha Nebraska Stake on **Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 1:00–7:00 p.m.** at the Omaha Stake Center. This reverent, guided 45-minute experience offers a powerful opportunity to reflect on the life, teachings, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We warmly encourage you to invite your friends to join you at this event and at the Palm Sunday sacrament meeting the following day. **Sign-ups for Saturday will be available soon on [OmahaNebraskaStake.org](https://OmahaNebraskaStake.org) and are encouraged to help us prepare for our guests.** Please visit [OmahaNebraskaStake.org](https://OmahaNebraskaStake.org) for updates and details, or contact your Sunday School president for more information.





## WINTER QUARTERS TEMPLE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This spring we will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Winter Quarters Temple dedication. The temple is an important part of our worship of Jesus Christ. Our lives are blessed by the teachings, ordinances, and covenants within the temple. But why is the Winter Quarters Temple special to you? What is your personal connection to the Winter Quarters Temple?

To strengthen our love for the temple and increase our desire to attend, we ask ward members to share your stories and memories about your personal connection to the Winter Quarters Temple with your ward historian. Your story might be your marriage or family sealing in the temple, or your first experience performing baptisms for the dead, or receiving your endowment before your missionary service. You might remember what it was like before a temple was located in Omaha. How did having a temple built near your home affect you? If you had a part in the construction, open house, or dedication of the temple, we want to know!

Our goal is to fill our ward histories with testimonies of and experiences with the Winter Quarters Temple by the anniversary of its dedication in April. Let us honor the Winter Quarters Temple by sharing how meaningful it is to each of us. Please email your ward historian or Rachel Bonar with your story and any relevant photos by March 15th.

### CHECK IT OUT

Check out what is new in our stake history! Go to <https://unithistory.churchofjesuschrist.org/> and log-in with your Church account username and password. Choose to view the Omaha Nebraska Stake history and begin reading about recent stake events.

# Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple

104th temple dedicated

ANNOUNCED  
14 June 1999

DEDICATED  
22 April 2001

## Dedication of the Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple

Latter-day Saints in Omaha, Nebraska, and the surrounding areas were notified via a First Presidency letter on June 14, 1999, that a house of the Lord would be built in Florence, a neighborhood of Omaha. The temple was named the Winter Quarters temple because it was to be constructed on land that was once known as Winter Quarters by early pioneers who camped there on their trek west. This historic area — which already included the Mormon Pioneer Cemetery and the Mormon Trail Center — would soon be home to a house of the Lord.

President F. Louis Butler, former president of the Omaha Nebraska Papillon Stake and first president of the Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple, told Church News at the temple open house that “this temple is on sacred ground. It is a fitting memory to those stalwart, exemplary pioneers, many of whom never made the trip west but found their final resting place on the hill above Florence. Now their resting place is in the shadow of the temple.”

The temple was dedicated by Church President Gordon B. Hinckley on April 22, 2001. The first dedicatory session was transmitted to meetinghouses throughout North America for temple-worthy Saints to view, making this one of three temples that featured a broadcast dedication session to an area significantly larger than the temple district, the other two being the Palmyra New York Temple, dedicated April 6, 2000, and the Nauvoo Illinois Temple, dedicated June 27, 2002.

These three dedications were broadcast to larger populations of Church members to help link living Latter-day Saints with early Church pioneers, their sacrifices and the events of the beginning of the Restoration.

Shauna Valentine, multiregion director of public affairs, told Church News at the dedication, “A lot of us really feel that the temple was built on already sacred ground — that it’s a way to honor all of those that didn’t go any further than this spot as well as those who did go forward from here.”

**Dedicatory prayer excerpt:** “As we meet together, we envision the wagons and the boats pulling in from the East and the South, while others were leaving these grounds to make the long march up the Elk Horn, along the waters of the Platte, up the valley of the Sweet Water, over the Continental Divide and finally to the valley of the Great Salt Lake. All of this area, including Council Bluffs across the river and Florence on this side, was once a place of great industry. Here wagons and handcarts were built. Here oxen, cows, and other animals, seeds and plants were gathered together to move to the West. There was, at times, much of levity here. There was also much of sorrow.”

Read the dedicatory prayer of the Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple here.

## Timeline of the Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple

<b>1999</b>	<b>Announced</b> A temple for Omaha, Nebraska, was announced by the First Presidency of the counselors — Presidents <u>Thomas S. Monson</u> , first counselor, and <u>James E. Faust</u> , second counselor — via letters to priesthood leaders in the temple district on June 14, 1999.
<b>November 28 1999</b>	<b>Groundbreaking</b> Ground was broken for the temple on Nov. 28, 1999. <u>Elder Hugh W. Pinnock</u> , a General Authority Seventy, presided over the ceremony, and approximately 3,500 people were in attendance.
<b>March 30 2001</b>	<b>Open house</b> The public was invited to tour the completed house of the Lord from March 30 through April 14, 2001. A total of 61,038 visitors toured the temple during the <u>open house</u> . A private tour for construction workers and their families was also held March 21, and a VIP tour for state and community leaders and dignitaries was held March 22 and March 23.
<b>April 22 2001</b>	<b>Dedication</b> The Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple was <u>dedicated</u> by President Hinckley on April 22, 2001, in four sessions. The first session of the dedication was broadcast to meetinghouses throughout the United States and Canada for temple-worthy Saints to view.

A temple for Omaha, Nebraska, was announced by the First Presidency of the Church on June 14, 1999. The groundbreaking ceremony for the house of the Lord was held Nov. 28, 1999.

Approximately 61,000 visitors toured the temple during its open house from March 30 to April 14, 2001. Church President Gordon B. Hinckley dedicated the Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple on April 22, 2001.

## Architecture and Design of the Winter Quarters Nebraska Temple

The 10,700-square-foot Winter Quarters temple was built adjacent to the Mormon Pioneer Cemetery and across from the Mormon Trail Center. The grounds of the temple cover 1.92 acres and are filled with grass fields, trees and shrubbery.

The interior features two ordinance rooms and two sealing rooms. The furnishings were created in Early Eastlake style, which was prominent in the area during the late 1800s. Floral motifs are found throughout the windows and carpets of the temple, depicting the state flowers of the five eventual states pioneers traveled through as they headed west: Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming and Utah.

## Quick Facts

ANNOUNCED  
14 June 1999

DEDICATED  
22 April 2001

DEDICATED BY  
President Gordon B. Hinckley

CURRENT PRESIDENT AND MATRON  
Dale Eichmann & Anita Kay Eichmann

LOCATION  
8283 N. 34th St.  
Omaha, Nebraska 68112  
United States

APPOINTMENTS  
View schedule and book online  
(1) 402-453-3406

## Additional Facts

**FACT #1**  
This was the first Latter-day Saint temple in Nebraska.

**FACT #2**  
Although this temple was built in Florence, part of North Omaha, it is called the Winter Quarters temple because of the early pioneers who camped in the same area that the temple now stands during their trek to Utah.

**FACT #3**  
One Lutheran neighbor to the temple, after attending the open house, wrote, “As a nearby resident to the Mormon Cemetery, [I feel that] the temple is a beautiful building and a welcome addition to the neighborhood. Thank you for sharing it.”

**FACT #4**  
The temple was dedicated on a significant day in Church history — 154 years and eight days before the dedication, Brigham Young and the advance company of pioneer Saints departed from Winter Quarters on April 14, 1847, to continue their trek to the Rocky Mountains.

**FACT #5**  
It was dedicated seven days before the Guadalajara Mexico Temple was dedicated.

**FACT #6**  
The temple’s first dedicatory session was transmitted to meetinghouses throughout North America for temple-worthy Saints to view. This was the second time a temple dedication session was broadcast to an area significantly larger than the temple district, the first being the Palmyra New York Temple, dedicated April 6, 2000.



Over 75 volunteers helped haul cabinets for Lutheran Family Services on Martin Luther King Jr. day.

## America Gives - America250

As our nation prepares to celebrate its semiquincentennial in 2026, we invite everyone to explore the [America250](#) website and join in making 2026 a landmark year of service. Through America Gives, communities across the country are coming together to serve and uplift others. We are blessed to live in this promised land—let us show our gratitude by making 2026 our year of service. In that spirit, our stake is proudly contributing **150 service hours** from our Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service to the America250 initiative!

Dennis and Vicki Dryden, ONS Just Serve Representatives





## ROOTSTECH 2026

**Did you know?** Last year RootsTech had millions of participants from over 230 countries! Come see – and feel – the excitement of discovery and connection. We invite individuals and families to plan now to participate in RootsTech 2026 which will be held **March 5-7**. Online registration is **free**. Visit <https://www.familysearch.org/en/rootstech/>. There is something for everyone!

### FAMILY SEARCH CENTER HOURS

Open every Tuesday noon-2pm and 7pm-9pm,  
or by special appointment

(402) 252-5130  
Stake Center

Get free help from a Familysearch consultant,  
or bring a friend!

### TEMPLE RECOMMEND STAKE INTERVIEWS

**Matthew Nielsen**

**719-464-8456**

Schedules for members from:  
*Bennington, Elkhorn, Fremont, Blair, Columbus*

**Tanner Bosworth**

**208-221-4650**

Schedules for members from:  
*Old Mill, Eagle Run, Winter Quarters YSA, and Pacific Ridges*

### YOUTH SUMMER TEMPLE AND FAMILY HISTORY CLASS

A Temple and Family History Class for younger youth (turning 12 or 13 in 2026) will be held at the Omaha FamilySearch Center during the week of June. Additional details will be provided in the March newsletter.

# TEMPLE & FAMILY HISTORY MESSAGE

The closing words of the Book of Malachi and of the Old Testament are familiar to us:

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

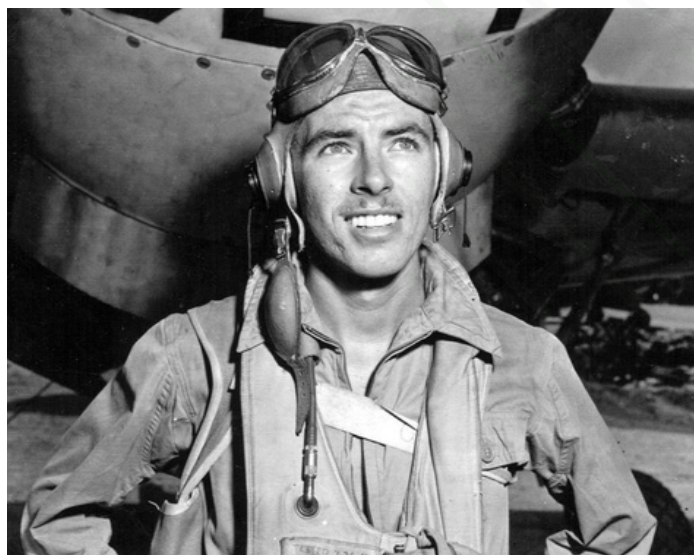
I believe that for our hearts to turn, our minds must be engaged. We need to learn, to know, and to remember our ancestors, our fathers and mothers. The importance of this remembering is evident in the scriptures. In my Book of Mormon study, I recently read from the Book of Ether:

“And it came to pass that Shez... remembered what the Lord had done in bringing Jared and his brother across the deep; and he did walk in the ways of the Lord”. (Ether 10:2)

Shez remembered the relationship that his ancestors had with the Lord, and this influenced how he lived his life. Helaman, the son of Helaman, knew the importance of remembering. Remember (or other forms of the verb) appears 15 times in Helaman Chapter 5! Helaman said to his sons Nephi and Lehi:

“Behold, my sons, I desire that ye should remember to keep the commandments of God; and I would that ye should declare unto the people these words. Behold, I have given unto you the names of our first parents who came out of the land of Jerusalem; and this I have done that when you remember your names ye may remember them; and when ye remember them ye may remember their works; and when ye remember their works ye may know how that it is said, and also written, that they were good.”

Remembering our ancestors and their doings can be a great strength to us. Learning and remembering their stories strengthens our ties to them. It is important that we record and share their stories as well as our own.



**Wayne Omer, Marine Corps Pilot, World War II Pacific Theater**

My Grandpa Omer was a great storyteller. He lived to nearly age 95, had a clear mind and great memory, and – for me – was a connection to my ancestors because he told their stories. He also told his, and he took the time to write them. I am grateful to have over 20 written works by Grandpa, documenting family stories and events and experiences that shaped his life, including his time as a Marine Corps pilot. These writings range in length, beginning with one page and totaling well over 200 pages. His example teaches us that we can start with one story at a time and that by small and simple things, great things are brought to pass (see Alma 37:6).

President Dallin H. Oaks wrote:

“We invite you to create your own compilation of examples from your family history of those who acted on their faith in the Savior, in His leaders, and in the principles of His gospel. You might pull stories from talks or family histories, or even just stories you heard growing up. Document them, and share them. Doing so can help you and your family turn your hearts to your ancestors.”

This month, I invite you to learn, remember, write and share family stories, including your own.

Creighton Omer

## Changes for Sister Missionaries Serving on Temple Square

Adjustments are being made for Sister Missionaries serving on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. In the coming months, sister missionaries assigned to the Utah Salt Lake City Temple Square Mission will be reassigned by a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles to one of the surrounding missions. The surrounding missions are the Utah Salt Lake City Mission, Utah Salt Lake City East Mission, Utah Salt Lake City West Mission, Utah Salt Lake City South Mission, Utah Layton Mission, Utah Ogden Mission and Utah Saratoga Springs Mission. This transition is expected to be completed by July, at which time the Utah Salt Lake City Temple Square Mission will be discontinued. With missionaries coming from multiple missions to serve on Temple Square, more will be available during major events and peak visitor periods, such as the summer months and the Christmas season. Sister Missionaries are a blessing to visitors, particularly young Latter-day Saints. Many young women ask the sister missionaries about their decision to serve, listen intently and frequently end the conversation with, "I'm going to serve a mission."

\*<https://www.thechurchnews.com/leaders/2026/01/09/church-announces-new-missionary-approach-temple-square-elder-rasband/>



**WE WELCOME THESE NEW FRIENDS  
WHO RECENTLY JOINED THE CHURCH  
THROUGH BAPTISM:**

Jacob - Columbus Branch

Samuel - Columbus Branch

Nyadhol - Winter Quarters YSA Ward



# ALLED TO SERVE

Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I have been called of Him to declare His word among His people, that they might have everlasting life.  
3 Nephi 5:13

## RECENTLY CALLED!

- Dallin McCune (Elkhorn) Uruguay Montevideo West, July 8
- Melissa Spangler (Blair) Peru Lima Limatambo, July 15

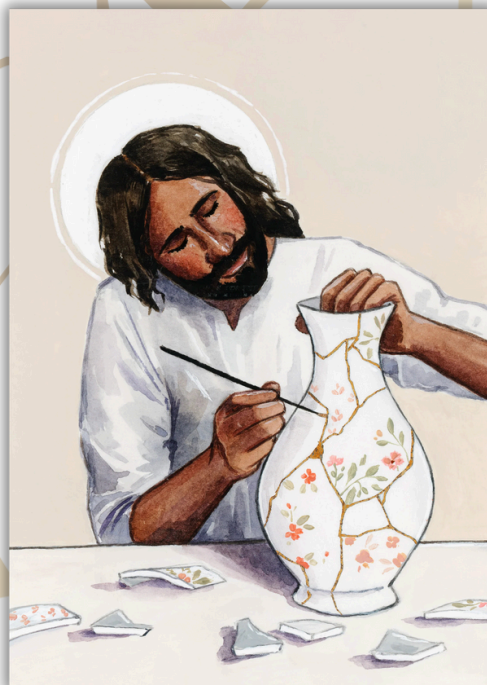
## FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES CURRENTLY SERVING

- Sister M. Huefner (Pac Ridges) Guatemala City Central
- Sister E. Perkes (Elkhorn) Brazil Belo Horizonte
- Sister E. Lilly (Pac Ridges), Michigan Lansing
- Elder C. Eckstein (Winter Qtrs YSA) Utah Ogden
- Sister O. Pincock (Pac Ridges) Ohio Cincinnati
- Elder D. Franzluebbbers (Blair) California Newport Beach
- Elder J. Roach, (Old Mill) Alpine German Speaking
- Elder B. Codr (Bennington) Nebraska Omaha
- Elder S. Whiteley, (Pac Ridges) Ecuador Guayaquil West
- Elder B. Urbano, (Elkhorn) Brazil São Paulo East
- Elder C. Dosset, (Fremont) Brazil Santos
- Elder L. Glasgow (Bennington) Korea Seoul
- Sister M. McAllister, (Pac Ridges) Utah Saratoga
- Elder E. Haughwout (Pac Ridges) California Anaheim
- Elder L. Dorrius (Pac Ridges) Brazil São Paulo South
- Elder P. Omer, (Old Mill) México Torreón
- Elder L. Bartlett, (Elkhorn) Korea Seoul
- Sister E. Call (Pac Ridges) Colorado Denver North
- Elder D. Clark (Bennington) South Africa Pretoria
- Elder S. Jensen (Blair) Oregon Portland
- Elder T. Hyde (Columbus) Argentina Buenos Aires North
- Elder and Sister Carr (Columbus) Vanuatu Port Vila
- Sister S. Jacobson (Elkhorn) California Modesto
- Elder L. Bailey (Elkhorn) California Arcadia
- Sister E. Miller (Elkhorn) California Riverside
- Elder C. Eichman (Old Mill) Alpine German
- Elder J. Haughwout (Pac Ridges) Brazil Teresina
- Elder M. Blad (Pac Ridges) Washington Kennewick
- Sister E. Kennington (Elkhorn) Brazil Campinas
- Elder J. North (Old Mill) Utah St. George
- Elder K. McLeod (Winter Qtrs YSA) Layton, UT
- Elder M. Marten (Fremont) Nebraska Omaha

## SERVICE MISSIONARIES

Additionally, we have 13 Service Missionaries called from the Omaha Stake serving from 4 to 24 hours per week in the temple, the bishop's storehouse, and family services. If you would like to serve as a service missionary, please contact your bishop or branch president for available opportunities.

# Addiction Recovery Program



"HE HEALS WHAT IS BROKEN" BY PAIGE PAYNE

The Omaha Nebraska Stake offers an addiction recovery program for anyone struggling with addiction. Friends and family members of those struggling with addiction are also invited to attend. Attendees can meet in person or join virtually through Zoom. The Zoom link can be found by visiting the addiction recovery website, [HERE](#).

**Tuesday Evenings**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Stake Center**

Attendees can enter through the stake doors on the east side of the building.

# FEBRUARY

## WATER STORAGE & PURIFICATION

### Why is Water Storage Important?

Access to clean water can be disrupted by natural disasters, contamination, or supply chain issues. The recommended water storage is one gallon per person per day for two weeks.

### Steps to Start Water Storage

#### Store Water Safely

- Use food-grade plastic containers (avoid milk jugs).
- Store in a cool, dark place away from direct sunlight.
- Rotate every six months to keep it fresh.

#### Know How to Purify Water

- If your stored supply runs out, purify water from streams or rain using:
- Boiling (1 minute) – kills bacteria and viruses
- Water purification tablets
- Personal water filters (like LifeStraw or Berkey)

#### Identify Backup Water Sources

- Know where to find emergency water, such as a water heater, ice cubes, or outdoor sources.
- Preparedness Tip of the Month:
- Keep a portable water filter in your 72-hour kit.

### Family Challenge:

Store a three-day water supply for each family member.

Chris LeGrow,  
Stake Emergency Preparedness Specialist





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As an important service to our community, we have scheduled a Red Cross blood drive at the Stake Center at 14680 California Street on Saturday,

Thursday, February 12, from 12 - 6 pm

We currently have MANY open appointments. To donate, please signup online at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=OMAHALDS>

Ben Bartlett

Cell# 402-598-4988



# TEACHING MOMENTS



Often, so many inspiring lessons can be derived from the study of holy scripture. From them, we can learn of history, doctrine, principles, covenants, service, and many other wonderful and important teachings. However, "all of these are branches of the same tree, for they all have one purpose: to help all people come unto Christ and be perfected in Him. So no matter what you are teaching, remember that you are really teaching about Jesus Christ and how to become like Him." (Teaching in the Savior's Way)

Parents and teachers, consider that as we use the scriptures to help bless, guide, and feed, as manna to God's flock, let us strive to place Christ as the perfect example of celestial attributes, and look for Him always in our study of the Old Testament. "We can place Jesus Christ at the center of teaching and learning by recognizing and emphasizing that He is the perfect example of all gospel principles. As disciples, we don't just follow principles—we follow Jesus Christ. As we focus on the Savior's perfect example, the Holy Ghost will testify of Him and inspire us to follow Him." (TSW)

As we do this, may it help us all to "Remember Him" between the two pinnacle holidays of our Christian faith: Christmas and Easter.

Paul Davis  
Stake Sunday School President

