



September Calendar

Sunday, September 1

- Mission/Temple Prep, 3:30 pm, Youth, California St. Building

Thursday, September 5

- Temple and Family History Consultant Training, 8:00 - 9:00 pm over Zoom. For all ward and stake temple and family consultants, with ward temple & family history leaders, RS president members also invited. Training topic: How to plan an effective first meeting with a ward member you're helping. Zoom Meeting ID: 402-885-0309, passcode "Temple" (note the capitalized "T"). Don't know how to Zoom? Contact Bro. Thad Call at (402) 885-0309 or email call.thad@gmail.com

Saturday, September 7

- Festival: A Concert for Youth, 6:00 - 9:30 pm, All Youth, Falconwood Drive-In, Bellevue. (See page 3 for more details)

Sunday, September 8

- Mission/Temple Prep, 3:30 pm, Youth, California St. Building
- "Why I Believe" Fireside, 7 pm, Trail Center

Wednesday, September 11

- Worldwide Day of Service (see page 5 for Just Serve details)

Thursday, September 12

- Family History Class: Engaging Family History Resources for Busy Families, 8:00 - 8:45 pm over Zoom. All stake members and friends are invited. Learn about free resources, tips, and ideas to help engage kids and teens in temple and family history work. No FamilySearch experience required! Help your children develop a love for the temple and learn about their ancestors while building family unity. Zoom Meeting ID: 402-885-0309, passcode "Temple" (note the capitalized "T"). Don't know how to Zoom? Contact Bro. Thad Call at (402) 885-0309 or email call.thad@gmail.com

Friday, September 13 - Sunday, September 15

- Stake Conference (see page 2 for details)

Saturday, September 21

- Stake Primary Activity, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, All children who are in primary activities, California St. Building (see page 3 for details)

Sunday, September 22

- Mission/Temple Prep, 3:30 pm, Youth, California St. Building
- Stake Relief Society Training, 5:00 - 7:00 pm., California St. Building

Sunday, September 29

- Fast Sunday
- Mission/Temple Prep, 3:30 pm, Youth, California St. Building

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Omaha Nebraska Stake

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Omaha Nebraska Stake Conference will be held on September 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2024. Elder Steven R. Bangerter of the Seventy will preside at all sessions of the conference and Elder I. Raymond Egbo of the Seventy will be in attendance.

The following sessions will be held at the Omaha Stake Center:

- Youth Devotional at 7:00 – 8:30 pm Friday September 13th. All youth and leaders are invited to attend.
- Special Ward & Stake Leadership Meeting at 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Saturday September 14th. Those invited to attend are:
 - High Council
 - Bishoprics
 - Stake and ward clerks and executive secretaries
 - Elders quorum presidencies and secretaries
 - Relief society presidencies and secretaries
 - Aaronic Priesthood quorum advisors
 - Young Women presidencies and secretaries
 - Stake and ward primary presidencies and secretaries
- Saturday Evening Session at 6:00 – 8:00 pm. All individuals eighteen years of age and older are invited to attend this session.
- General Session at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on Sunday September 15th. All members are invited to attend. In addition to being held in person at the stake center, this session will also be broadcast to the Maple Street, Columbus, and Blair buildings.

We anticipate that this will be a spiritually powerful and uplifting conference, and we encourage all members of the Omaha Nebraska Stake to participate. We likewise encourage members to invite friends and neighbors to participate in the Friday Evening Youth Devotional, as well as the Saturday Evening and Sunday General sessions. The General Handbook provides the following guidelines for all Church meetings:

“Church members should strive to attend meetings in person. There is a benefit in gathering that enhances worship and helps unify members (see 29.0).

When this is not possible due to health or other reasons streaming and holding virtual meetings make it possible to include those who are not able to attend.” (Chapter 29.7)

For those whose circumstances will not allow attendance in person, a Zoom link will be made available through ward Relief Society and Elders Quorum presidents. Please arrange your schedules to participate as we seek together the guidance and direction of the Holy Ghost.

Sincerely yours,

Paul D. McAllister, Barry W. Webber, Danny C. Leavitt

The Stake Presidency

The following assignments have been given to each ward to assist with stake conference. Details for each assignment have been given to ward leaders.

Blair – Ushering (Sat Evening Session) (Need 8 at 5:15 pm)

Winter Quarters – Sunday Morning Parking (Need at least 8 by 9:00 am)

Fremont – Ushering (Sunday AM General Session)

Old Mill – Set up chairs at Stake Center (bring chairs from Elkhorn building to Stake Center)

Elkhorn – Take down chairs at Stake Center following stake conference

Bennington – Return Chairs to Elkhorn building

Eagle Run – Clean Stake Center after Saturday evening session (10 individuals)

Pacific Ridges – Clean Stake Center after general session (10 individuals)



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Festival: A Youth Concert

JOIN US TO SING,
CELEBRATE AND
WORSHIP CHRIST
TOGETHER!



Saturday, September 7th
6:00-9:30 pm
Falconwood Drive In
905 Allied Road, Bellevue
Concert, Games, Concession Stand

Scan here to
offer a gift to
Pres. Nelson
for his
birthday!



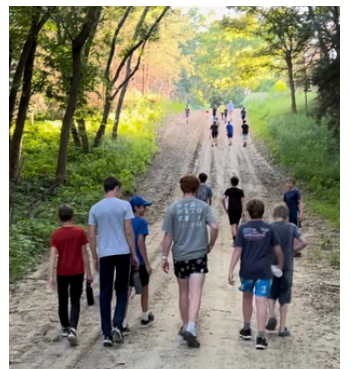
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ALL YOUTH ACTIVITY

Council Bluffs, Omaha, Millard & Papillion Stakes
We encourage the youth to become familiar with the songs before the event:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/callings/youth>



Listen to the
songs before
you go!



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Stake Conference Youth Fireside with Elder Bangerter

Friday, September 7:00 - 8:30 pm, For Youth & Leaders
California Street Building

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Looking
Ahead!

OCTOBER 26
Multi-Stake Youth
Activity

Youth 14+
Grover Ice Skating Rink
6 pm - 9 pm

NOVEMBER 9
Stake Youth
Activity

Youth 11, 12 & 13

DECEMBER 28
Multi-Stake Youth
Dance

Papillion
Youth 14+

Display Ideas

Spiritual– A scripture or Article of Faith you've memorized.

Scriptures for a scripture reading goal or a picture of someone praying for a goal related to prayer. Sheet music for a gospel related song you've learned to sing or play on an instrument.

Intellectual– An item to represent something new you've learned. Books to represent a reading goal. A program or ticket from a cultural event. A story you've written. Something to represent a new language or culture you've learned about.

Physical– A recipe that you learned to cook by yourself. A costume or prop from a dance routine or stage production. A sewing or woodworking project you made. A picture or items from accomplishing an outdoor adventure.

Social– An item to show how you've served someone. A picture with a new friend. A letter from a pen pal.



Dear Parents and Leaders of Primary Children,

It's hard to believe that our Stake Primary goal showcase is just around the corner. It will take place on September 21, 2024 at 3:00 pm. The afternoon will consist of a talent show and display booths for both children and their families to enjoy. Primary children ages 8-11 can sign-up now through September 7th to register for the activity [HERE](#).

There are a limited number of spots to perform a 1-2 minute talent, so if that is something your child wants to do be sure to sign up early! We will also have an unlimited number of spots to display goals, and would love to see every child participate. If your child is unsure of what they would like to display, below are some suggestions to help spark some ideas. Feel free to be creative!

Please reach out with any questions!

With Love,

**Chelsea Bryan
Jerusha Franzluebbbers
Amy Pincock
Kari Sorensen**

Everyone Can Do Something, But No One Has to Do Everything

by Thad Call

"I feel so bad," my father-in-law told me about a month ago. "I haven't researched any names to take to the temple. I really need to get started and do it."

I was surprised. My father-in-law is turning 91 years old this year. His eyesight is so poor that he struggles to read his iPhone, even on the largest font settings. Plus, he takes care of my mother-in-law full-time, as she deals with memory problems. Learning how to do family history on FamilySearch might be the last thing I'd ask him to do.

"Dad," I said with a smile, "anyone can research your ancestors. But you are the **ONLY** person on earth who has special memories of some of them. That would be a priceless way for you to do family history. Will you tell me a story about them that I can record?"

Brothers and sisters, there are great blessings and power available to us when we try to find, connect with, and be sealed to our ancestors. But we don't need to feel guilty about how we do it. Instead, we should seek inspiration to decide which family history activities to do.

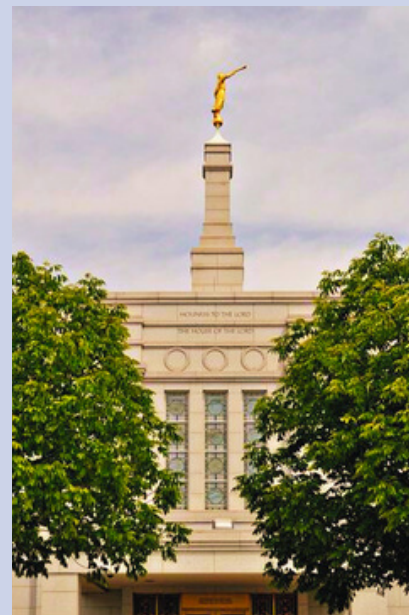
In a 1989 Ensign article, Elder Dallin H. Oaks said, "Members of this church have many individual circumstances...We should understand that in the work of redeeming the dead, there are many tasks to be performed, and that all members should participate by prayerfully selecting those ways that fit their personal

circumstances at a particular time. This should be done under the influence of the Spirit of the Lord....Our effort is not to compel everyone to do everything, but to encourage everyone to do something."

Full-time missionaries don't just knock on every single door in town. They pray for inspiration about where to go, whom to work with, and how to find the people Heavenly Father has prepared for them. In the same way, I encourage you to ask your Heavenly Father for guidance about what your temple and family history activities and goals should be right now.

Should it be finding a name to take to the temple, gathering family memories and pictures, learning stories about your ancestors, resolving "record hints" in the FamilySearch app, inviting another member to attend the temple with you, doing indexing activities, teaching your children about family traditions, or something else? Check out the "Activities" tab on FamilySearch or the "Activities" tab on thefhguide.com for lists of ideas for ways your family can engage in temple and family history work.

But most importantly, be prayerful, and ask for guidance on how you can help unite families for eternity. The Spirit will guide you as you move forward in faith, and you will feel the warm influence of God in your life as you help bring souls to Him.



Temple Recommend Stake Interviews

To schedule a temple recommend interview with a member of the stake presidency, please contact the following individuals. If you haven't heard back from them in a week, please reach out again. They are doing their best to respond in a timely manner!

David Robles (801) 971-5194

- Old Mill, Pacific Ridges, Eagle Run & YSA Wards

Matthew Nielsen (719) 464 - 8456

- Bennington, Blair, Columbus, Elkhorn & Fremont Wards

9/11 Day of Service

September is our month to support the 9/11 Day of Service. Check out Just Serve for service opportunities or just serve! We would love to hear any success stories on the Just Serve Website, which you can post with appropriate photos on 'My Dashboard'.

Dennis & Vicki Dryden



Need Service Hours?

Do you need service hours for a high school class or program? Is your YW class or YM quorum looking for a service project? Is your family looking for a way to serve in our community? **JustServe.org** has many opportunities for youth and their friends to sign up to serve in our community. Anyone can use JustServe.org, including those not of our faith! Spread the word!



During youth conference this past June, Omaha youth helped build beds for SHP. Check JustServe.org for more service opportunities with SHP and other organizations throughout our community.

Blood Drive

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, September 14, 2024 from 7:30am to 1:30pm. Due to Stake Conference, we will be holding the blood drive at the west end of the Stake Center (Young Women's room).

We currently have **MANY** open appointments.

Please consider donating blood and/or a little time to assure this drive is a success. Donating a pint of blood is a "small and simple" act, but for those in need, it can literally be a life saver!

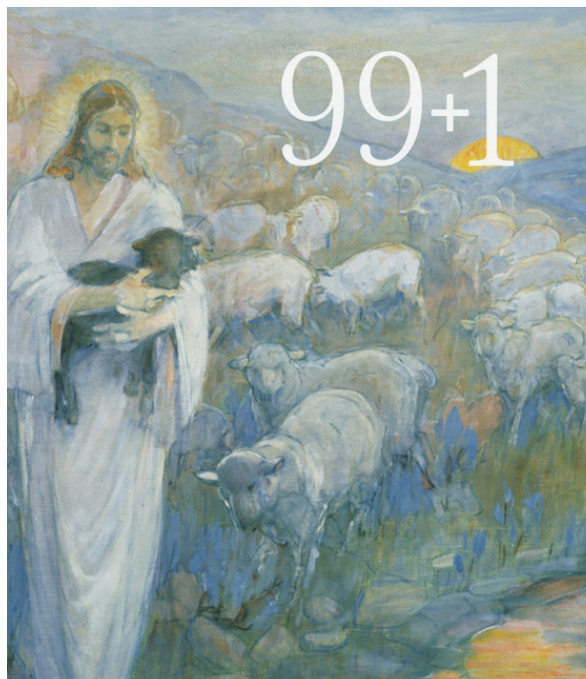


To donate, please signup online at:

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

Thank you very much for your support of this important community service!

Ben Bartlett
Cell# 402-598-4988



we have all been the one.

Share your story to commemorate
President Nelson's 100th Birthday



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President Russell M. Nelson is getting closer to his 100th birthday. Some have wondered about a gift. To this, he responded, "At age 99, I have no need of physical gifts. But one spiritual offering that would brighten my life is for each of us to reach out to 'the one' in our lives who may be feeling lost or alone" (Facebook, June 1, 2024).

President Nelson is turning 100 years old on September 9th! In celebration, he asks that we share with the world the love God has for the 1 and the 99. Consider submitting stories and pictures where you felt God's love for each individual person. Maybe that's when you were helped, or when you reached out to someone else.

See related posts at [#99plus1](#) to get an idea of what others are posting and summon the courage to share the love of God.

Submit your stories to [THIS GOOGLE FORM](#) and we'll post them to our social media channels.

Many of your friends are scrolling online and are lonely. They feel like no one cares. Share your testimony and allow God to work through your words. With your small and simple stories, great things can happen. You will see miracles as you extend yourself with faith and hope to share your little moments of truth.

Looking Ahead

October

10/5 - 10/6

- General Conference
- See churchofjesuschrist.org for session details

10/13

- Stake Adult Leadership Meeting, 8am
- Mission/Temple Prep, 3:30 pm, California St. Building
- "Why I Believe" Fireside at Trail Center, 7 pm

10/19

- Multi-Stake Youth Dance, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, Council Bluffs Stake Center

10/20

- Mission/Temple Prep, 3:30 pm at California St. Building

10/27

- Worldwide Event for Youth, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, California St. Building

December

- Giving Machines, December 20 - 31st, Westroads Mall



Youth & YSA Volunteers Needed

The Light the World Giving Machines are coming to Omaha for their second year! We are looking for volunteers ages 16 to 35 to help staff the Giving Machines. If you are interested, fill out a form [here](#). Shift details will come in September. Volunteer assignments will be confirmed with you beforehand.

Contact Caleb Anderson with questions at calebander@gmail.com