

AKRON OHIO STAKE

Stake Presidency Message



Listen to President Laubaugh's message to the Stake this month!

Q&A with President Talley regarding the Multi-Stake Broadcast on May 7

by Elizabeth Nielson

Q: What stakes are included in the Multi-Stake Broadcast?

President Talley: It varies from broadcast to broadcast. The western portion of the North America Northeast Region will most likely be included. That will probably include all of Ohio, as well as parts of Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Possibly Pennsylvania as well.

Q: Why is it a broadcast to a certain area, and not to the entire church?

President Talley: That's what's unique to these Multi-Stake Broadcasts. The brethren are aware of our different issues all over the world. They receive information from stake and regional leaders, and they have access to statistics and trends as well. With Multi-Stake Broadcasts, they are able to tailor their message to the kinds of issues and challenges that are particular to our area. They are vested with authority for specific revelation for us. General Conference is for all the world, but this broadcast is just for the needs of our area. Our challenges are different than those for the saints in Utah, or in the

Akron Stake Plan

Revitalize the Rescue!



Become, and help others to become, true followers of Jesus Christ and enjoy the blessings of the holy temple by . . .

- Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Gathering Israel through missionary work.
- Caring for the poor and needy.
- Identifying ancestors and doing their temple ordinance work.

South, or in China, or in Africa. So they take the time to deliver a message specific to us.

Q: How long is the broadcast?

President Talley: The broadcast itself is 90 minutes, but they ask the individual units to provide an additional 30 minutes of content at the beginning — a hymn, a prayer, and a talk, maybe a choir — so the entire meeting is 2 hours. We close with prayer in our local units as well.

Q: Do we stay in our local buildings or go to the stake center for the broadcast?

President Talley: The stake presidency discussed this a lot, and we feel that our wards and branches are so far flung that it is best for the members to stay in their local buildings to hear the broadcast. We'd like as many people to attend as possible, and attendance will probably increase if people can stay close to home. Each building will begin the meeting at 10 a.m.

Q: How often do Multi-Stake Broadcasts occur?

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President Talley: They're held every other year in the spring. It's just coincidental that it falls the same month as stake conference this year.

Q: Have you received word on who will be speaking at this broadcast?

President Talley: No, but one of the members of the First Presidency or one of the Twelve will preside. That's the other blessing we get from Multi-Stake Broadcasts: we get to hear from a member of the

Twelve or First Presidency this way. They would love to travel from stake to stake and speak to the members, but it's not always feasible. Most of their travel is done internationally, not domestically. With a Multi-Stake Broadcast, a member of the Twelve can speak to us directly without having to travel here. It's a way for us to hear them, even though they can't interact with us as they'd like to. Again, it really is remarkable that we can receive specific revelation, just for our area.



RELIEF SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

by Sister Gretchen Pavkov, Stake RS First Counselor

In the recent General Women's Conference, Sister Bonnie H. Cordon of the Primary General Presidency asked the question, "How do I keep centered and lean not unto my own understanding?" She went on to give us three foundational ways to increase our knowledge of and trust in the Savior. First was "feasting on the words of Christ." Second was to come to know the Lord through prayer. Her third suggestion to help us increase our knowledge of and trust in the Lord was to be of service to others.

Our recent 2017 Stake Relief Society Conference focused on being of service to the refugees who have and were to come to the Akron area. Each Ward contributed items which were to be used in the making of hygiene and cleaning kits that were assembled during the conference. Behind the scenes many sisters throughout the Stake were crocheting "pot scrubbers" to later be added to the cleaning kits. One such sister was Debbie Hercsek. Debbie found out about this service project through her Visiting Teacher who knew she crocheted. She agreed to help and was provided with some scrubby yarn. Debbie would often crochet these pot scrubbers at the hospital while she waited for her husband during his chemo treatments. The more she made, the more she felt she was accomplishing something and she became excited. It started to snowball, making the pot scrubbers was "fuel for the fire" and Debbie started purchasing her own scrubby

yarn and making more scrubbers. When the time came to turn in the pot scrubbers Debbie had completed 150!!!! When asked why, Debbie stated that she found the experience "uplifting" and "healing."



The sister spoken of in Sister Cordon's talk stated "Service saved my life ... when I thought about myself, my situation, my suffering and pain, the world became very dark and depressing. When my focus turned to others, there was light, hope, strength, courage, and joy. I know that this is possible because of the sustaining, healing, and enabling power of the Atonement of Jesus Christ." Service to others can and does help us to not only know the Savior, but to be more like Him.



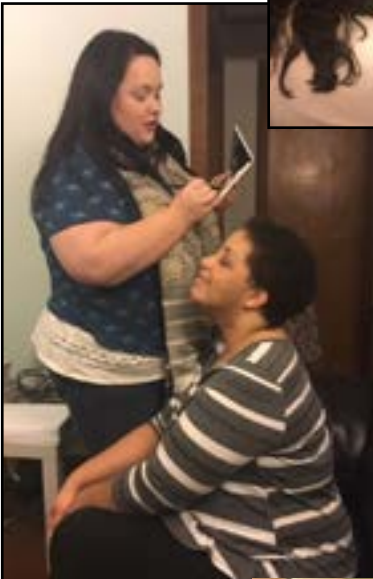
STAKE YSA

by Jana Laubaugh

The Easthill YSA cleaned up well this past month of April! Many of us attended and danced our hearts out at the Stake's President's Ball. We had fun getting dolled up and having a night on the town.



The Relief Society also had a get together where we had some of our very own makeup gurus teach us some tricks of the trade. We love the sisterhood



we have in the branch and it's great spending quality time together.

Last but not least, Raju was baptized by our very own Tyler Fisher! Tyler was baptized into the church not too

long ago so it is amazing to see his strength in helping others come unto Christ. If you see Raju, please welcome him with a hug and a smile! We love him!



Family History Corner



by Jeanne Peugh,
Director

“Hastening The Work”

We have heard much from our church leaders on “Hastening the Work.” President Monson stated from the June 2014 First Presidency message, “The Lord has never to my knowledge, indicated that His work is confined to mortality. Rather His work embraces eternity.” Those on the other side have been waiting much longer than those on this side. When we are doing our Family History work, we are fulfilling counsel that our leaders have given us. The Stake has four locations to help “hasten the work,” Tallmadge Stake Center, and Canton, Medina/Wadsworth and Wooster Church Buildings. Please go online to find specific times these Family History Centers are open. The Tallmadge Stake Center recently added Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. to their schedule and hope to include Tuesday evening sometime starting in May. Please feel free to contact me at 330-630-2161 if you would like a special time to come in.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING HOME



ALEC TREVAR WITHERS

10 MAY 2017

FROM

ENGLAND LONDON MISSION



STEPHANIE ANN HERRON

22 MAY 2017

FROM

MÉXICO MÉXICO CITY
NORTH MISSION



JACOB MICHAEL DAVIS

25 MAY 2017

FROM

ANGOLA LUANDA MISSION

STAKE CALENDAR EVENTS

May 2017

Sunday, May 7

Multi-Stake Broadcast 10 a.m. - noon
AAIC Hunger Walk 2-4 p.m. various locations

Friday-Saturday, May 12-13

Stake Aaronic Priesthood commemoration
Father/Son campout/ Johnson Farm starting at 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 20

Stake Leadership Training/Tallmadge 4-6 p.m.
Stake Conference Adult Session/Tallmadge 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, May 21

Stake Conference/Tallmadge 10 a.m. - noon

Seminary Graduation/Canton 6-8 p.m.

Sunday May 28

Massillon Ward Conference

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day

June 2017

Sunday, June 4

Stake General Priesthood Meeting/Massillon 6:30-7:30 p.m. for all men and young men ages 12 and up.

Friday, June 9

Mormon Night at Progressive Field 7:10 p.m.

Sunday, June 11

Easthill (YSA) Branch Conference

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

Monday-Friday, June 19-23

YW Camp/Pioneer Trail Camp

July 2017

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

Sunday, July 9

Medina Ward Conference

Thursday-Friday, July 20-21

11-year old Scout Camp/Manatoc Scout Facility

Friday-Tuesday, July 21-25

Youth Conference/Nauvoo

Monday, July 24

Pioneer Day (Utah)

Please send Akron Stake Calendar questions and updates to Brother Strate at srstrate@gmail.com

Just Come ... Just Sign-Up ...



Discover Volunteer Opportunities at JustServe.org

https://youtu.be/qZOIY3NN_zc

8th Annual Hunger Walks Fairlawn, Medina and Stark May 7th, 2017

REGISTRATION: 2:00PM
WALK: 3:00PM

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE WALK.



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ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE

THE AKRON-CANTON
REGIONAL FOODBANK

Nonperishable food donations will be collected at each AAIC Hunger Walk location.

MAKE FINANCIAL DONATIONS AT THE HUNGER WALK
UUCA 3300 MOREWOOD RD., FAIRLAWN 44333

Walk Locations:

Fairlawn Walk

Unitarian Universalist Church
3300 Morewood Road
Akron, OH 44286

Medina Walk

Community Services Center
655 North Broadway
Medina, OH 44256

Stark County Walk

Community Christian Church
210 North Main Street
North Canton, OH 44720

**MORMON NIGHT
AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD**

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2017 7:10 PM START
CLEVELAND INDIANS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX**

Upper Box Tickets \$19	PROMOTIONS: Celebration Banner Giveaway, Dollar Dog Night, Pregame in the District, Block Party, Fireworks
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8 TICKET LIMIT PER TRANSACTION DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: MAY 26TH 2017

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
<http://m.mlb.com/indians/tickets/group/MormonNight>
SPECIAL OFFER CODE: MORMON

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