

AKRON OHIO STAKE



Save the Date!
Akron Stake Family History Fair
 Saturday, October 14th
 10 AM - 2 PM
 Details to come.

2017 YOUTH CONFERENCE

by Gary Fry, Stake YM President

The same scripture that led to Joseph Smith to inquire of the Lord as to which church he should join is the same scripture the youth were encouraged to memorize prior to boarding the buses for youth conference in Nauvoo.



“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”
 James 1:5.

Throughout youth conference, the youth were quizzed by President Laubaugh to see if they had internalized this great scripture. The goal, to help the youth realize that asking for guidance during youth conference is an important element of gaining or strengthening their testimonies.



Stake Presidency Message



President Laubaugh

While in Nauvoo, the early Saints grew much and also went through much tribulation. In all of this, the testimony of the Saints grew greatly and the fire of the covenant of the Gospel burned within them. That was the theme of youth conference this year, “Fire of

the Covenant.” Our youth face many struggles each day. While they are not the same types of struggles the early Saints faced, our youth today nonetheless need to have their own testimonies and have their own fire of the covenant burn

bright with them as they go forward into the world each day.

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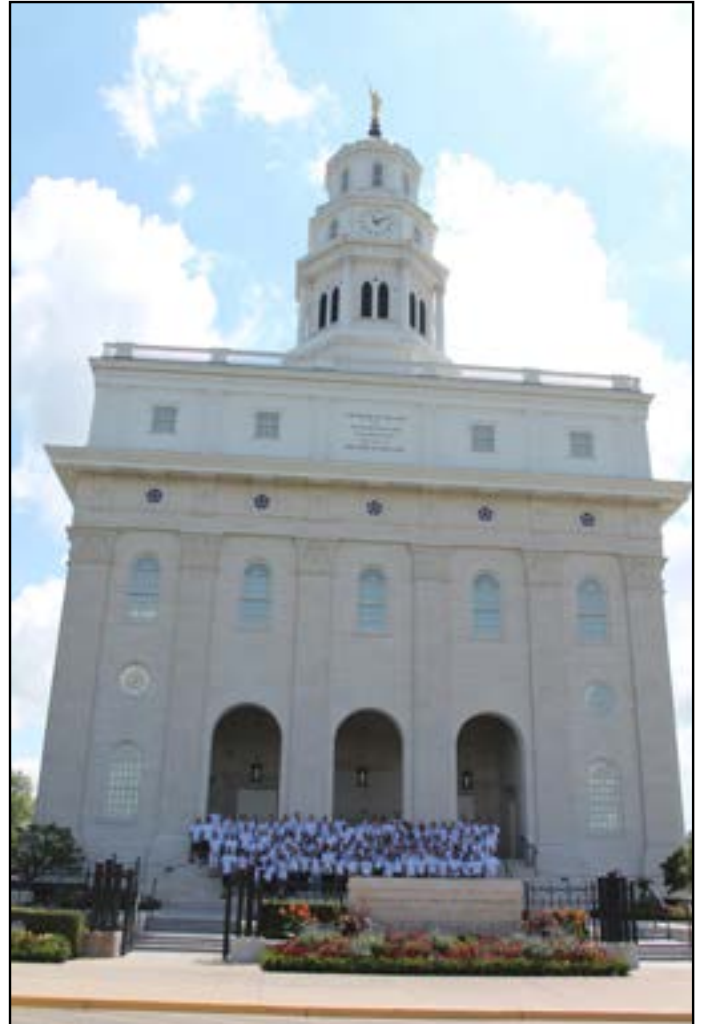
2017 YOUTH CONFERENCE *continued*

President Laubaugh helped the youth to realize this when he spoke about obedience and sacrifice during sacrament meeting on Sunday morning. These two principles will help the youth to endure to the end and to stay on the straight and narrow path.

As we work with the youth of the Akron Stake, we are constantly amazed at their faith, their strength, and their testimonies. I am personally grateful that I get to work with them for their



testimonies help mine to grow. If you have not taken the opportunity to do so, I would encourage all of you to ask the youth of your ward what they learned from youth conference and how their testimony has grown from learning about the trials and experiences of the early Saints in Nauvoo. The Church is true and we have a living prophet here upon the earth today.



MISSIONARIES LEAVING



ERIK CLEON SANDERS

23 AUGUST 2017

FOR

**NEW MEXICO FARMINGTON
MISSION**



ISABELLA ANN WEAVER

30 AUGUST 2017

FOR

**ARIZONA SCOTTSDALE
MISSION**



SAMUEL LEWIS YEATES

30 AUGUST 2017

FOR

CALIFORNIA IRVINE MISSION

MISSIONARY RETURNING HOME



AUSTIN DAVID FOSTER

17 AUGUST 2017

FROM

BRAZIL BELÉM MISSION

A New Meaning to “Working from Home”

by Elizabeth Nielson

It used to be that when a senior couple wanted to serve a full-time mission, they would have to commit to serving for at least 18 months, which included leaving their homes.

Now, senior missionaries can serve from home and can serve for shorter periods of time.

Roy and Billie Jo Henretty of the Akron Ward answered the call to serve and became the first couple in the Akron Stake to serve a full-time mission from home. Cleveland Mission 1st Counselor Max Lewis approached Brother Henretty in May after the priesthood session of stake conference. President Lewis asked Brother Henretty to talk to Billie Jo about possibly working in the Cleveland Mission Office together. By Thursday, their papers were turned in.

The Henrettys started working at the mission office on June 26 and will be serving for 14 months with an option to extend that time if they choose. They are able to live at home during their months of service.

“We feel very good about the assignment,” says Sister Henretty. “We have some obligations at home that would have made it difficult to leave and serve a mission away from home right now. This allows us to take care of those obligations, and serve a mission at the same time.”

Brother Henretty is the Mission Housing Coordinator. His work includes finding, furnishing, inspecting, and maintaining missionary apartments. He also handles apartment issues between landlords and missionaries when necessary.

Sister Henretty is the Referral Secretary. She works to collect and distribute referrals and to take reports following a referral appointment. She also does office work such as entering baptism and confirmation data, ordering supplies, writing a monthly summary of mission activities, and publishing a monthly newsletter, among other duties,

The Henrettys left for the Missionary Training Center in Provo Utah for two weeks on July 31. Starting work at the mission office a month before getting training at the MTC is unusual, but the Henrettys feel fortunate that they were able to have some hands-on experience first.



Brother and Sister Henretty are enjoying their service every day.

“After being retired for 5 years, I recognized I was getting dull,” says Brother Henretty. “Serving at the bishop’s storehouse was great, but I needed another challenge with more variety. When President Lewis approached me about serving in the Mission Office, I jumped with joy. Each day there is a new twist that I have never encountered before, and the Lord sees me through.”

“The major lesson I am learning is the degree of trust which is given and is expected by all the office staff and missionaries. I have seen the Lord's hand in the different job duties that are performed daily. There is a spirit of unity to focus on the job at hand. So, the Lord has answered my prayers [requesting another challenge], and now I need to meet that challenge with the Lord's guidance.”

Sister Henretty says that she was never worried about taking the calling. “I have been asked if I was scared to begin. I have never felt worried or scared about the call. It just seems right. It is an answer to my prayer of being of service, and helping with the missionary effort. This is a joy, working in the office. It is a privilege to work with President and Sister Brown, and all the missionaries. Their enthusiasm and dedication is catching.”

Senior couples make up 8 percent of missionaries serving around the world. In the Ohio Cleveland mission, there are approximately 180 missionaries and 13 sets of senior couples. Brother and Sister Henretty are delighted to be one of those couples.

Family History Corner



by Jeanne Peugh,
Director

Family History Center at Akron Rubber Ducks

We were given an opportunity to have a display at the "Irish Heritage Night" at the Akron Rubber Ducks. With the help of Public Affairs, we had a wonderful location on the concourse and a great display. The Akron Rubber Ducks were fantastic to work with and they made every effort to see we had the things we needed. We had a sign-up sheet for those would like to be notified of future events and not only were there individuals who signed up, but we had those very interested in coming to the Family History Center. We had one gentleman that was actually born in Ireland who was quite interested. It was a fun evening, the Ducks won and there was fireworks afterward!



- 1: Visit <http://www.justserve.org>
- 2: Register as a volunteer!
- 3: Find a nearby project that fits you.
- 4: #MakeADifference volunteering!

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.**
What can you do to help a new convert prepare and go to the Temple?
- Caring for the poor and needy.
- Identifying ancestors and doing their temple ordinance work.

BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER NEWS

Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing.

D&C 109:8

In order to help families start their food storage or add to it, monthly sale items are being offered.

We have been admonish to have food storage to help our family when there is a need. Start with a few items so it is not so costly.

This month's sale items are:

Fruit Drink Mix

2.5 lb pouch for \$3 or a 12 pouch case for \$36.00

Shelf life - 3 years

Spaghetti

3.lb can for \$2.25 or a 6 can case for \$13.50

Shelf life - 30 years

The storehouse is open Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 1. Come and check out what we have.

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Brecksville, Ohio 44141-3284
440-526-4057

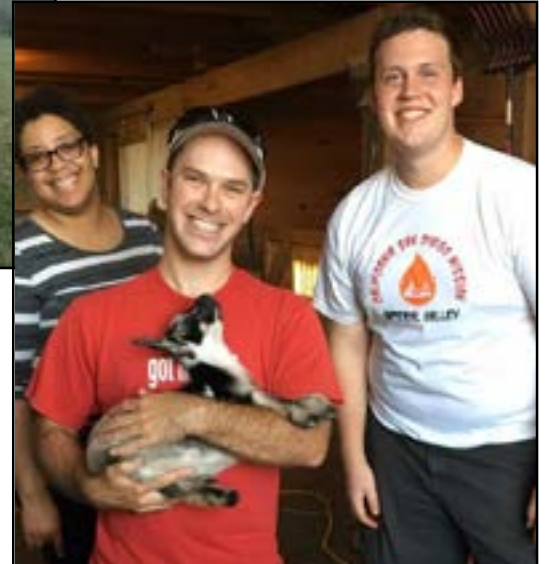
STAKE YSA

by Jana Laubaugh

Our latest Family Home Evening was fun filled and full of snuggles. Thank you to the Dahl family for inviting over tons of YSA, feeding us with hot dogs and lots of yummy s'mores, and letting us hold the cutest little goats! I'm positive the YSA get to have the

most fun in all of the Stake!

Another fun FHE we had was World Cup soccer night. The YSA love being outdoors during the summer and we're taking advantage of the beautiful weather we've been having!



Historic
Kirtland **Art**
Gathering 2017

**Inspiring a collection of historical art from local artists—
depicting events in 1830's Kirtland, Ohio.**

Collection and hanging of the artwork will be in the Historic Kirtland Visitors Center June 1-August 31, 2017.
Awards reception will be on September 16, 2017.

See kirtlandartgathering.wordpress.com for story ideas and details.

PRIMARY
CATEGORY

YOUTH
CATEGORY

ADULT
CATEGORY



The Multi-Stake Music Conference provides tools for growth as church musicians and is open to all who endeavor to improve their abilities. A short opening session features vocalists and instrumentalists performing sacred works. Attendees may select four of the twenty-four 50-minute presentations offered this year. Presenters come from all over Ohio and beyond to enlighten and empower pianists, organists, lyricists, composers, arrangers, choir members, choral directors, and congregational conductors. Our keynote speaker is sure to inspire all! Eight secular performances are showcased during lunch-representing a wide range of styles. We welcome LDS musicians and those of other denominations to join together in an area of common interest. Register for FREE today!

2017 multi-stake
MUSIC
CONFERENCE
columbus ohio south stake center

REGISTER TODAY
stakemusic.weebly.com

Saturday, September 9
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
2135 Baldwin Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

STAKE CALENDAR EVENTS

August 2017

Sunday, August 13

Wadsworth Ward Conference
Pathway Graduation/Akron 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 27

Tallmadge Ward Conference

September 2017

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

Saturday, September 9

Stake Leadership Training/Tallmadge 9 a.m. - noon
2017 Multi-Stake Music Conference/
Columbus Ohio South Stake Center
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Stake Youth Dance/Cleveland 7-10 p.m.

Saturday, 23 September

General Conference Broadcast Women's
Session 8 p.m.

Saturday, 30 September

General Conference Broadcast 10 a.m.
and 2 p.m.; Priesthood 8 p.m.

October 2017

Saturday, 1 October

General Conference Broadcast 10 a.m.
and 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 8

Fast Sunday

Saturday, October 14

Family History Fair/Tallmadge 10 a.m.
-2 p.m.
Stake Youth Dance/Youngstown 7-10 p.m.

Sunday, October 15

New Portage Branch Conference

Sunday, October 29

Wooster Ward Conference

November 2017

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall back!
Senior Sunday/Kirtland Temple 10 a.m.
-1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

Stake Conference/Tallmadge 10 a.m.
-noon

Saturday, November 18

Stake Youth Dance/Cleveland 7-10 p.m.

Passport to the World



Global Village Festival

of greater akron



LIVE UNITED
United Way
United Way of Summit County



DANIEL HERRIGAN, MAYOR

September 16, 2017
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Food • Entertainment • Marketplace • Children's Activities
Jennings Community Learning Center • 227 E. Tallmadge Ave.

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The
Akron Stake
will be hosting a photo booth at the
Global Village Festival.
Bring your family and enjoy an
afternoon of fun and activity!