

# AKRON OHIO STAKE

## Stake Presidency Message

from

President Dayton

<https://youtu.be/bhiUzmVc0QQ>



## Standards Night

by Elizabeth Nielson

The annual Stake Standards Night took place in January at the Stake Center. Youth ages 12 to 18 were invited with their parents to learn more about the moral values and eternal goals of the Church as taught in the For the Strength of Youth booklet.

The evening started in the chapel where those in attendance met to hear an opening talk from Brock Withers of the Wadsworth Ward.

The youth were then divided from their parents and asked to go to one of four interactive stations in classrooms around the building. The stations covered four topics: media standards, dating, choice and accountability, and repentance. The youth rotated from station to station.

The parents remained in the chapel to have a discussion led by President Talley. The discussion focused on practical approaches to working with the youth to help them stay focused on their gospel goals. Parents shared their methods for keeping lines of communication open with their children.

Daniel Garner, a member of the Teachers Quorum in the Akron Ward, said his favorite activity was the repentance activity, in which the leaders had the participants carry books on outstretched arms and walk through on obstacle course. The books represented sins. After being encumbered by the books, the participants walked through the course a second time without the books, which meant to symbolize a person who had repented.

“It was really cool to have a physical representation

## Stake President's Ball

Friday, April 6

*The Tangier*

532 West Market St

Akron, Ohio 44303

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7 p.m.

Dancing 8-10:30 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$7.50



of repentance,” said Daniel. “It made it more real because it was tactile.”

Another activity that was enjoyed by the youth was a movie standards quiz. Before the activity, most of the youth reported that PG-13 movies were ok, and all of the youth said that PG movies were fine. The leaders shared a description of some content from a movie, and all the youth said it was unacceptable. It was then revealed that the movie was PG, which surprised the youth. The leaders showed clips of General Authorities talking about relying on the Spirit to make decisions about media. They then led a discussion about why we have standards in the first place and how the Spirit can guide us.

Stake Young Women's President Becky Semus felt that the evening was successful. “We wanted to engage the youth in an active way in exploring why standards matter, and specifically why the standards in For the Strength of Youth are important,” she said. “We wanted them to look at topics they have heard about all their lives with fresh perspective.”

# February Stake Youth Activity

by the Stake Young Women Presidency – Becky Semus, Margie Morrison, Jessica Spittle, Heather Most

Our most recent Stake Youth Activity was a great success. This ice skating activity has been offered for the past several years. The Akron Stake Youth ages 12-18 were invited to attend an Ice Skating Activity at The Alice Noble Ice Skating Facility in Wooster.



While the dances and youth conference do not allow for the Beehives and Deacons to attend, this activity is one that is open to ALL the youth. We had over 135 youth and leaders attend. The youth had the opportunity to skate for up to 2 hours or to use the time off the ice to socialize and/or play board games. Everyone worked up quite an appetite skating. About halfway through the activity, everyone took a break for pizza. While there were a few minor injuries, thankfully this year we had



no major injuries on or off the ice. One of the best parts of this activity for the leaders is sitting back and watching the youth positively interacting with each other. They have the opportunity to visit with friends from other wards. They have the opportunity to reconnect with those they have met at Boy Scout Camp, Girls

Camp, dances and/or youth conference. The ice skating activity provides a low key setting for the youth to gather and visit with each other. It's a time for them also to recognize that there is really a large group of LDS youth in this area with their same values and standards. While speaking to several youth about their skating experience, we were repeatedly told that this activity is a favorite among the youth.



## BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

We appreciate the New Philadelphia, Medina, Tallmadge wards for inviting us to their enrichment nights on emergency preparedness. We enjoyed meeting with everyone to discuss home storage, and to answer questions concerning home storage. We are happy to come to any of the other wards as long as you let us know ahead of your upcoming event. You can call the Home Storage, on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 440-526-4057.

Sales items until March 31, 2018: **Quick Oats** (30-year shelf life) 2.4 lb. can is \$2.70, 6-can case is \$16.20; Brigham Creek Farms **Pancake Mix** (2-year shelf life) 4 lb. pouch for \$4.75, 8-pouch case is \$38.00. On sale now through April 30: **Hard Red Wheat** (30-year shelf life) 5.5 lb can is \$2.25, 6-can case is \$13.50; **Pinto Beans** (30-year shelf life) 5.2 lb can is \$4.75, 6-can case is \$28.50.

We have an updated price list for this year and 80% of the items have been reduced in price. This might be a good time to look over your food storage and add to what you have or if you are starting out to buy a few items at the beginning. It has been recommended by our leaders to try to have at least 1 month to 3 month supply on hand and to try not to go into debt doing so.

We hope that if we can be of any help please feel free to call us. We have four missionaries that are in the Home Storage area that are more than happy to help. Come in for a visit to see what we have.

Elder and Sister Juhasz and Elder and Sister Carpenter  
6900 Southpointe Parkway, Suite C • Brecksville, Ohio 44141-3284  
440-526-4057 • Wednesday-Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. by appt



The Stake Primary is organizing a service project for the Activity Day Girls and Scouts to make items for the Humane Society and Childrens Hospital. If you have any scrap fleece that you would like to donate, please bring it to your ward Primary presidency.

# Family History Corner

by Jeanne Peugh,  
Director



## We Decide To Do Something Significant

The following was written twenty-eight years ago, but it is just as important today as it was then. Take the time, go to a family history center and work with a consultant and you will feel wonderful.

*“Set aside those things that don’t really matter in your life. Decide to do something that will have eternal consequences. Perhaps you have been prompted to look for ancestors but feel that you are not a genealogist. Can you see that you don’t have to be anymore? It all begins with love and*

## A sample of



### Organization Info

#### Sponsoring Organization

The Giving Doll

#### Website

<http://www.thegivingdoll.org>

#### About Us

The Giving Doll was created in 2006 as a community volunteer project to be given to children at St. Jude's. Handmade dolls were constructed by volunteer sewers in Wadsworth, Ohio. The first dolls were taken to the hospital by a local girl, who was a patient there. As other needs became apparent, the program expanded to include children in a variety of settings such as: homelessness, military deployment of a parent, natural disasters, children of abuse and neglect and more. Today, this 501 ( C ) nonprofit organization has given nearly 33,000 dolls to children worldwide. The program, that is headquartered in Wadsworth, Ohio, has 12 chapters in other states.

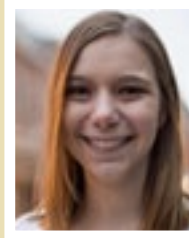
#### Organization Point of Contact

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## MISSIONARY RETURNING



VICTORIA MICHELLE  
RICKETTS

14 MARCH 2018

FROM

UTAH LOGAN MISSION

*a sincere desire. ... This is ... a monumental effort of cooperation on both sides of the veil where help is given in both directions. It begins with love. Anywhere you are in the world, with prayer, faith, determination, diligence, and some sacrifice, you can make a powerful contribution. Begin now. I promise you that the Lord will help you find a way. And it will make you feel wonderful.”*

Richard Scott, *Ensign*, Nov. 1990



Check out [JustServe.org](http://JustServe.org)  
to find a project that's  
right for you!



# Ward Window

## ~ New Philadelphia ~

*submitted by Bishop Stuart Rogers*

## The Book of Mormon Challenge

During a Teachers Quorum Presidency meeting on October 15th, the young men realized that they were struggling to follow the invitation from General Conference. They decided that their commitment to reading the Book of Mormon would increase if there were a challenge and a reward. Bishop Rogers issued the challenge to start that day and read the Book of Mormon through before the end of the year, which worked out to be a little under seven pages a day. If they completed it, then Bishop agreed to buy them dinner.

This challenge was extended to all of the youth and whichever group, young men or young women, who had the most people complete the challenge would then get to choose where they ate. By the end of the year, we had six youth complete the challenge; Olivia Dixon, David Johnson, Lawrence Johnson, Lucas Rogers, Phoebe Rogers and Daniel Yeates. Below are the five who attended the dinner.



*Olivia Dixon, Phoebe Rogers, David Johnson, Lawrence Johnson & Lucas Rogers*

The youth learned a number of lessons from completing the challenge:

- It's easier to remember what you've read if you're not tired when reading
- Taking even small notes can really help you stay focused on what you're reading
- It's easy to find the time to read once you set your mind to it and make it a priority
- Reading it through quickly helps you to remember how all the stories tie together
- There was nothing important that had to be sacrificed to complete the challenge, so there was no reason not to continue.

# STAKE CALENDAR EVENTS

March 2018

## Saturday, March 10

Stake Young Men's Basketball/TBA 8 a.m. – noon

## Sunday, March 11

LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.

## Saturday, March 17

Stake Young Men's Basketball/TBA 8 a.m. – noon

## Friday, March 23

Mormon Tabernacle Choir Performs Handel's Messiah  
Broadcast 9:30-10:30 p.m.

## Saturday, March 24

Stake Young Men's Basketball/TBA 8 a.m. – noon

## Sunday, March 25

Akron Ward Conference

## Saturday, March 31

General Conference Saturday Morning Session 12-2 p.m.  
General Conference Saturday Afternoon Session 4-6 p.m.  
General Priesthood Session 8-9:30 p.m.

## April 2018

## Sunday, April 1

General Conference Sunday Morning Session 12-2 p.m.  
General Conference Sunday Afternoon Session 4-6 p.m.

## Friday, April 6

President's Ball/Tangier in Akron for adults 18 and up, Sunday dress and better. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner begins at 7 p.m. Dancing from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50. If not attending dinner, they may come and dance for free at 8 pm.

## Sunday, April 8

Fast Sunday  
Canton Ward Conference  
LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.

## Saturday, April 14

Modest Prom/Cleveland 7-10 p.m.

## Sunday, April 22

Easthill Branch Conference

## May 2018

## Sunday, May 6

Fast Sunday  
Worldwide Devotional Broadcast for Young Adults 8-9 p.m.

## Sunday, May 13

LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.

## Saturday, May 19

Stake Leadership Training/Tallmadge 4-6 p.m.  
Stake Conference Adult Session/Tallmadge 7-9 p.m.  
Stake Seminary Graduation/Canton 6:30 - 8 p.m.

## Sunday, May 20

Stake Conference/Tallmadge 10 a.m. - noon

## Sunday, May 27

Massillon Ward Conference

# Self-Reliance Spotlight

## Stake Update

Thanks to many of you, we had a very successful Devotional on February 25th. Coming out of the Devotional we formed the following eight new Self-Reliance Groups spread across the Stake.

- Akron - 1 Finance
- Canton - 1 Finance, 1 Business, 1 Education
- New Philadelphia - 1 Finance
- Tallmadge - 1 Job
- Wooster - 1 Job, 1 Finance
- Location TBD - 1 Youth Focused Finance Group

These new groups are getting started right away and will continue to meet weekly for the next 12 weeks. We are confident those who are involved will be greatly blessed.

## Invitation

If you act quickly, you (or a friend) may still be able to join one of the newly formed groups. Please reach out to Jared Klein (Stake Self-Reliance Specialist) at 330-391-0289 or [ohiokleins@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiokleins@yahoo.com).

## Area Plan Akron Ohio Stake



## Vision

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

## Stake Priorities

1. Live the gospel of Jesus Christ
2. Gather Israel through missionary work
3. Care for the poor and needy
4. Enable the salvation of the dead by identifying ancestors and performing vicarious temple ordinances for them