

AKRON OHIO STAKE

Stake Presidency Message from President Dayton

Brothers and Sisters,

Last month we were privileged to have Elder Steven E. Snow, a member of the Seventy and the Church Historian, with us to preside over our most recent stake conference. The emphasis of our last stake conference was on ministering, or what President Russell M. Nelson referred to as “a newer, holier approach to caring for and ministering to others.”

With home teaching and visiting teaching (as we once knew it) now “retired,” our challenge as members of the Church will be to minister to others the way the Lord intends.

The key to our effective ministering, in whatever form it takes (home visits, phone calls, texts, notes, etc.), will be to approach it as a labor of love. The apostle Paul said, “for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and

do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.” (Hebrews 6:10,11).

When we serve our fellow beings with love, we are truly in the service of our God, and He notices. And lives are blessed, and hearts are touched.

In the months ahead as we minister to others, it is the prayer of the Stake Presidency that we do so diligently, and as a labor of love as the apostle Paul and the Lord would have us do. If we don't labor in the Lord's vineyard with true love, we're probably not ministering; we're just filling an assignment.

It is our prayer that the ministering brothers and ministering sisters of the Akron Ohio Stake can go forth and serve our fellow saints in need with the charity and pure love that the Lord would have us do.



2018 Seminary Graduates

by Kathy Alred

The Akron Ohio Stake graduated eighteen faithful seminary students on May 20, 2018. To obtain a diploma, students had to complete four years of seminary with attendance of 75% or greater, read the book of study each year (2017/18 was The Book of Mormon) and successfully complete two assessment tests per year. This stalwart group of graduates expressed their plans to attend college, enlist in the Navy or Air Force, or prepare for a mission. Their interests ranged from engineering to art to music to sports and even semi-diesel truck maintenance. The evening was spent honoring them,

their families, and teachers for a great year of learning and faith building. Seminary has proven to strengthen testimonies and convert the wayward. One student asked her boyfriend to attend and then presented him with a Book of Mormon on graduation night. It was an evening to remember. It was expressed that Seminary may be one of the best-kept secrets in the church, and definitely one of the most rewarding programs available to the youth. Students, family, and teachers were touched and edified throughout the evening as they watched a chapter close in their lives.



Graduates included: (Front, left to right) Macy Banner, Jessica Beck, Kaleigh Renninger, Cassidy Fitzgerald, Gabrielle Polidori, Jewel Foutz, Erica Dahl, Riley Junge, Zoey Peterson, Dakota Whittenberger. (Back left) Nicholas Parker, Micah Stark, Christopher Smith, and Hannah Webb. Not in photo are Drake Jones, Maya McDonald, James Nielson and Samuel Ryden.

REFLECTIONS ON CONFERENCE FROM AROUND THE STAKE

"I always like the way Stake Conference brings us together to hear from our stake presidency and other stake members. Having Elder and Sister Snow there was extra special. Being a part of the choir is another treat for me. All of this makes conference a time to reinforce our convictions to follow the Savior."

Sister Kaye Parsons, Wooster

"When the choir performed 'Master the Tempest Is Raging,' I could imagine the storm approaching and the disciples being worried. Then the Master commands the storm to calm and eventually cease. The music portrayed the effects of the storm and also how the Master can calm the storms of our lives."

Sister Sharon McCoy, Akron

"I loved how President Talley said [quoting the late Patriarch Steve Perkins] 'the quality of our questions corresponds with the quality of our lives' I've really reflected over that the past week and have tried to more deeply ponder the scriptures and ask more questions. I know the Lord leads this church and has a hand in our lives."

Sister Jewel Foutz, Wadsworth

"Broadcasting stake conference over the internet provided several of our members the opportunity to watch stake conference for the first time. These members were grateful to hear from Elder Snow and our stake presidency."

Bishop Andrew Dahl, Ashland

"President Talley promised that we would see immediate blessing if we would act on the promptings that we felt during the Saturday night session of conference. During the meeting, I was inspired by Sister Snow's counsel to "help our children feel the spirit of ministering." She gave the example of the primary children that went to visit and sing primary songs to widows in their ward. I'm looking forward to more opportunities like this with my children."

Brother Scott Miller, Tallmadge

"And they taught, and did minister one to another"

3 Nephi 26:19

"I appreciated the instruction we received in the Leadership Session of conference on the ministering interview – particularly the four ministering interview clips that were shown. It was great to see how the elder's quorum member grew to know the names of and love the members of his assigned family because the elder's quorum president was inspired to ask the ministering brother if he would simply learn the names of his ministering families and pray for them by name. It brought to mind Alma 37:6, 'by small and simple things are great things brought to pass.'"

Sister Marianne Dayton, Canton

"I love hearing about the wonderful examples of ministering that the speakers have witnessed in their own lives or the lives of people that they love. It is obvious that while the ministering initiative is still very new, the actual process of ministering has been quietly happening around us all along. The more finely tuned focus the Church has placed on touching the hearts of others, rather than fulfilling routine assignments, will help us draw closer to the Savior and become more like Him."

Sister Katee Nebelski, New Portage

"I loved the insight that Elder Snow gave us into the hymnal at the Saturday night session. Music is an important part of our service and is more than just notes on a page."

Sister Katie Peyton, Easthill

"I liked Elder Snow's insights on the hymnal, where songs came from. I also enjoyed hearing the composers' history with the hymns."

Brother Bryan Casciere, Massillon

"What I learned: (1) Every change of heart matters to the Lord. (2) To learn of Jesus, do what he did. (3) "I thought in my heart." Pres. Laughbaugh (4) The question asked by President Talley, 'How does Heavenly Father feel about the Sacrament?' is profound and bears much consideration."

Sister Kris Center, New Philadelphia

"Each session of Stake Conference had its own unique character and messages. I'm glad to have been at each. In the week since, I have heard several references to messages from the conference, including a testimony that personal spiritual questions were answered there."

Brother Reed Richins, Medina

MONDAY, JULY 2 • 7:05PM

AKRON OHIO STAKE OUTING

TICKETS ONLY \$7



vs.



This event is benefiting the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. Each ticket purchased will raise \$3 for the organization.

Type <https://groupmatics.events/Akronohio> into your web browser to purchase tickets, or scan the QR code to the right.



SCAN WITH
MOBILE DEVICE
FOR TICKETS!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT ANTHONY CHADWICK
ACHADWICK@AKRONRUBBERDUCKS.COM (330) 375-1713

PRIMARY HAPPENINGS

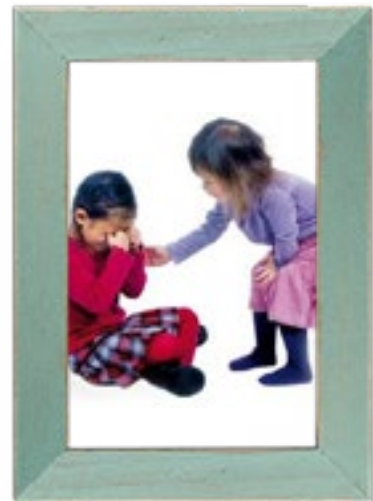
By Secretary Carol McConnell, Stake Primary

As we go about our daily lives, we come to recognize the promptings of the Holy Ghost. Children can be taught to recognize the spirit by letting them know when they are prompted to do something. For example, a child leaves their scriptures at church. On the way home the child tells the parent they left their scriptures at the church. Instead of scolding them, the parent can use this as a teaching opportunity, to say that the Holy Ghost helped them to remember they left their scriptures at the church.

As children learn to recognize the Spirit, they will be able to know when they are prompted to help someone or to minister to

another person's needs. Sister Snow gave an example of children ministering in her comments at Stake Conference. She said the Primary children at her sister's ward brought a plate of cookies to her and sang Primary songs. This is one way the Primary can teach children about ministering. Parents can also teach their children how to minister in the home. Children can be shown that as they play with siblings, or help them get dressed, or comfort a sibling that is crying, that they are ministering.

It's our prayer as a Stake Primary Presidency that we can help children understand how they can minister to others.



Ward Window

~ Wadsworth ~

submitted by Bishop Trevar Withers

On December 7, 2017, the Wadsworth RS served with the Wadsworth community at The Giving Doll. We chose December 7th because the Light The World inspirational quote for that day was "Suffer the little children to come unto me."



The Giving Doll has given 41,347 dolls since their inception in March of 2006. They are determined to reach 50,000 by the end of this year.



The Mission of the Giving Doll is to give faith, love, joy, hope, and comfort to children worldwide, at times of special need through the construction and distribution of handmade cloth dolls.

Fourteen of our sisters joined women in the community who devote two mornings a week to make dolls as well as communities in two other cities. The creator, Jan Householder, began the copyrighted effort when retiring as a Home Economics high school teacher from Wadsworth High.



Jan Householder, founder of The Giving Doll

We loved serving with these dedicated women and plan to return this summer with our Young Women.

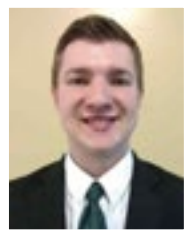


Every year, Angie Nash's ministering brothers organize a spring activity with the Wadsworth youth to spruce up the mulch beds around her home. Wednesday, May 23, the Wadsworth youth weeded the mulch beds and spread 50 bags of mulch. As you can see, the youth serve with a smile; this is always an enjoyable activity.



Wadsworth Young Women, Young Men, Youth Leaders, and Ministering Brothers

MISSIONARIES LEAVING



JACOB RICHARD JACKSON

2 JUNE 2018

FOR

UTAH OGDEN
MISSION



JARED DUANE PARKE

27 JUNE 2018

FOR

ITALY MILIAN
MISSION



GRACE IRENE TALLEY

27 JUNE 2018

FOR

HONDURAS SAN PEDRO
SULA WEST MISSION

MISSIONARIES RETURNING



NICHOLAS RYLAND JONES

19 JUNE 2018

FROM

WASHINGTON KENNEWICK
MISSION



JOSEPH WILLIAM SEMUS

26 JUNE 2018

FROM

GUATEMALA GUATEMALA
CITY SOUTH MISSION



MICHAEL AND JANET BROWN

30 JUNE 2018

FROM

OHIO CLEVELAND
MISSION

BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

We are excited to announce that the Home Storage Center will be open Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m. until noon. We have been asked to open on one Saturday to accommodate family schedules. So we decided to give it a try. We are going to open the center one Saturday every third month for a trial period to see if this will help individuals to get their food storage underway or buy items that they are in need of.

We are carrying new items that have only been in the store for the last six months such as peanut butter, honey, and granola. Basic items are still available, so come and see what we have. Sales items for the months June and July are listed below. All four missionaries will be on hand to help with your needs. Thank You!

Elder & Sister Juhasz and Elder & Sister Carpenter

Here are the items that are on sale for the months of June and July;

White Rice (30-year shelf life) 5.4 lb can is \$3.75 or a case of 6 cans for \$22.50

Refried Beans (5-year shelf life) 2.4 lb. can is \$5.50 or a case of 6 cans for \$33.00

Nonfat Dry Milk (20-year shelf life) 1.8 lb pouch is \$4.00 or a case of 12 pouches for \$48.00

Berry Drink (3-year shelf life) 2.5 lb pouch is \$3.25 or a case of 12 pouches \$39.00

6900 Southpointe Parkway, Suite C • Brecksville, Ohio 44141-3284
440-526-4057 • Wednesday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturday, June 16, 9 a.m. - noon



Historic Kirtland 5K Run/Fun Walk

Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Historic Kirtland Visitors' Center
7800 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland, Ohio 44094

\$10 registration fee 19 older; \$5 for 18 and younger; Walk is Free for All
T-Shirts available for purchase.

www.historickirtland5K.com

Sponsored by the Kirtland Ohio Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Family History Corner

by Jeanne Peugh,
Director



Family Memories

Recently I had the opportunity to teach a class on adding memories to our family history and the importance of it. We are blessed to be able to add this information, not just about our life, but the lives of our ancestors of which we knew and stories that may have been written about them. When we add stories and pictures, our ancestors become more than just a name on our pedigree chart. One of our prophets shared the following:

“I urge all the people of this church to give serious attention to their family histories, to

encourage their parents and grandparents to write their journals, and let no family go into eternity without having left their memoirs for their children or grandchildren, and their posterity. This is a duty and a responsibility.”

“People often use the excuse that their lives are uneventful and nobody would be interested in what they have done. But I promise you that if you will keep your journals and records, they will indeed be a source of great inspiration to your families, to your children, your grandchildren and others, on through the generations... Each of us is important to those who are near and dear to us--and as our posterity read of our life's experiences, they, too, will come to know and love us. And in that glorious day when our families are together in the eternities, we will already be acquainted.”

(Spencer W. Kimble, *Ensign*, Dec. 1980)

7th Annual Ohio LDS Music Conference

September 8, 2018

9:00 am—3:00 pm

2135 Baldwin Rd., Reynoldsburg, Ohio



Excellence
in **MUSIC** is
never an accident.

Be Purposefull! Take the first step! Register Now!

ohioldsmusic.org



Save Our Souls

In conjunction with the Akron Ohio Stake 2018 Progress plan, each member can participate in the following ways:

- Register on FamilySearch.org
 - Members also have access to free accounts with Ancestry.com, findmypast, MyHeritage and others
- Find and submit 1 name for ordinance work in 2018
- Take names to the temple
- Find someone who needs assistance and teach them family history work

Register with
FamilySearch

Find ancestors

Submit names

Perform
ordinances

Teach others

FOR ASSISTANCE

Michael Hauser, Stake High
Councilor, Temple & Family
History, 315-263-2699,
mhausermd@gmail.com

Thayne Alred, Lead Stake T&FH
Consultant, 330-461-1032

alred@roadrunner.com
David Richards, Lead Stake
T&FH Consultant, 330-416-9478,
dkrichards1@zoominternet.net

Indexing – Irene Kanouff 740-
922-1410 misezk@yahoo.com

or Ward Family History Leaders

STAKE CALENDAR EVENTS

June 2018

Sunday, June 10

Medina Ward Conference
Multi-Stake Fireside/Kirtland Stake Center 6-8 pm
LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr,
Wadsworth 7 p.m.

Monday-Saturday, June 11-16

LDS Scout Camp Week/Camp Beaumont

Thursday-Saturday, June 14-16

Stake YW High Adventure

Thursday-Friday, June 21-22

Stake Youth Conference, Columbus / Temple rotation

Sunday, June 24

New Philadelphia Ward Conference

July 2018

Sunday, July 1

Fast Sunday

Monday, July 2

Akron Ohio Stake Outing/Akron RubberDucks 7:05 p.m.
(see page 3 for more details)

Monday-Saturday, July 2-7

LDS Scout Camp Week/MVSR

Sunday, July 8

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

Monday-Friday, July 16-20

YW Camp/Johnson Farm

Saturday, July 21

Broadcast of Mormon Tabernacle Choir Pioneer Day Concert
10 p.m.

Sunday, July 22

New Portage Branch Conference 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

August 2018

Sunday, August 5

Fast Sunday

Saturday, August 11

Stake Summer's End Youth Picnic/TBD

Sunday, August 12

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

Sunday, August 19

Pathway Graduation/Akron 7-9 p.m.

Sunday, August 26

Tallmadge Ward Conference

Self-Reliance Spotlight

Stake Update

Our second round of groups is nearing completion across the stake. The stake self-reliance committee will be meeting later this month to take the pulse of our progress and confirm plans for our next cycle of groups to start later this summer.

Principle #7 – Solve problems

“The Lord expects us to help solve our own problems ... We are thinking, reasoning human beings. We have the ability to identify our needs, to plan, to set goals, and to solve our problems.”

Robert D. Hales, “Every Good Gift,”
New Era, August 1983

Invitation

- 1) Identify a challenge or problem your experiencing
- 2) Read Doctrine & Covenants 9:7-9
- 3) Study Options, Pray for Guidance, Decide, Act in Faith

Learn more within the
My Foundation workbook on srs.lds.org



JUST SERVE

**This Summer, register
with JustServe.org
and Sign up to Serve!**

Register for service opportunities
in your community via the
church's website, JustServe.org



Historic Kirtland 5K/Family Fun Walk

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Historic Kirtland Visitors' Center
7800 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland, OH 44094

Race/Walk begin at 8:00 a.m.

www.historickirtland5k.com

The Historic Kirtland 5K is a scenic course, winding through the City of Kirtland and Kirtland Hills, Ohio. Kirtland, nestled in Lake County in Northeastern Ohio, is a city known for its rich history and incredible landscape. This 5K course will include running through Historic Kirtland Village, the elegant paths of the Kirtland Temple, and the historic Isaac Morley farm. The 5K race will start and finish at the Historic Kirtland Visitors' Center in Kirtland, Ohio. Register today to enjoy this beautiful, scenic course of Kirtland—the city of faith and beauty—and honor the legacy of Historic Kirtland.

Race Overview: This will be a Chip Timed event. The 5K race will begin on Chillicothe Road near the side entrance of Historic Kirtland; turn left onto Rt. 306; turn right onto Maple; enter Kirtland temple grounds; turn left onto Rt. 306; enter Historic Kirtland; right onto Chillicothe Road; turn left into entrance of Isaac Morley Farm; run the "turn around;" turn right onto Chillicothe Road; enter Historic Kirtland at Chillicothe Road entrance to finish line. There is a registration fee of \$10 for runners 19 years and older; \$5 for 18 years and younger. (This will cover the cost of chip timing). Participation in the 1+ mile Walk is free. Pre-registration for either event is recommended. Deadline for pre-registration is July 7, 2018. Refreshments will be available after the race. There will be awards for the Top 3 5K Overall Finishers (male & female) and Top 3 5K finishers (male & female) in each age group: 11 & under, 12-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over. Online registration is available and recommended. Limited number of participants for run; unlimited for walk. Pre-registration is highly encouraged for the 5K. Day of registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. Race t-shirts are available for purchase; **deadline to order a t-shirt is July 7, 2018.**

Sponsored by the Kirtland Ohio Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

****EACH PARTICIPANT MUST FILL OUT A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM—This form can be copied****

NAME: _____ **AGE** on race day: _____ **HOME PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY/STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

E-MAIL: _____ **SEX:** MALE FEMALE

SELECT: **5K RUN** 18 years and younger \$5 **5K RUN** 19 years and older \$10 **1.5-MILE WALK** Free

RACE T-SHIRT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: **NO** **YES** \$10 **SIZE:** YS YM YL S M L XL XXL

Release: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry fee, I, for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Kirtland Ohio Stake, and all individuals, whatsoever, in any manner arising or growing out of participating in said event. I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event.

Participant Must Sign (if under 18, guardian must sign) _____ Date _____

CHECK #: _____ Made Payable to: **Kirtland Ohio Stake**

Chip Timing Division of

SECOND SOLE
MENTOR

GREATER XC CLEVELAND

MAIL REGISTRATION TO:
Chandice Richards
4745 Riverwood Drive
Madison, OH 44057