

# AKRON OHIO STAKE

## Stake Presidency Message

As a young man growing up, my father would often remind me that I had been given a good name and that I should never do anything that would tarnish it. This was good advice coming from a man I truly loved and respected. I, like Nephi of old, was born of goodly parents, and I never wanted to do anything that would cause anyone to think badly about my parents or the Dayton name. Yet, I wasn't perfect, and like all of us, I made mistakes and sometimes acted inappropriately.

I remember one time in college when I was playing tennis with a good friend that I threw my racket into the net while simultaneously letting out a loud scream when I had missed a relatively easy volley. What I didn't realize was at that time there were four men, a couple of courts away, who were just finishing up their doubles match and were walking towards us and had seen and heard me do this. One of the men, Dr. Sadler, was a professor at the university and a close colleague of my father. As he walked by me, he said words to the effect, "Hi, Joel. I'm meeting with your dad later today, and I'll be sure to tell him I saw you."

Needless to say, I was more than a bit embarrassed and was earnestly hoping he would not share some of the "details" of our brief encounter with my father later that day.

Fortunately, he did not. As I have reflected on this incident from time to time, I realize this was just Dr. Sadler's way of reminding me what I already knew - that I had been blessed with a good father and a good name and I should not act in a way that would tarnish it.

As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we too have been blessed with a good name that we have willingly taken upon ourselves - the name of Jesus Christ. Christians. At baptism and at the sacrament table each Sunday, we covenant with the Lord to "always remember him, and keep his commandments which he has given [us]" (Moroni 4:3).

Do we realize how blessed we are to be able to take upon ourselves the name of God's Only Begotten Son? The Savior's name is the only name under heaven by which mankind may be saved (2 Nephi 31:21).

Perhaps that is why just last month President Nelson indicated to the members of the Church that the Lord has impressed upon his mind the importance of identifying the Church by its full, revealed, God-given name - "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints" (D&C 115:4) - not the Mormon Church or the LDS Church. President Nelson has reminded us that the correct use of the Church's name needs to start with us if we ever hope the media and others will follow suit.

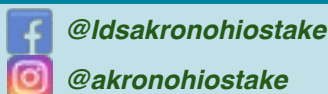
Brothers and sisters, may we ever be proud members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, taking upon ourselves the name of Christ and honoring His great name in word, action, and deed is my humble prayer. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Joel Dayton, 1st Counselor, Akron Ohio Stake

Seeking some SERVICE Inspiration?  
 Check out [this article](#) about   
 in the August issue of the *Ensign*.

### Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, September 9 - LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Sunday, September 9 - Worldwide Devotional Broadcast for Young Adults 8-9 p.m.
- Saturday, September 22 - Quad Stake Youth Dance/Kirtland 7-10 p.m.
- Sunday, September 23 - Wadsworth Ward Conference
- Sunday, September 30 - Fast Sunday
- Sunday, September 30 - Wooster Ward Conference
- Saturday, October 6 - General Conference: Morning Session 12-2 p.m., Afternoon Session 4-6 p.m.; General Women's Session 8-9:30 p.m.
- Sunday October 7 - General Conference: Morning Session 12-2 p.m., Afternoon Session 4-6 p.m.
- Saturday October 13 - Quad Stake Youth Dance/Tallmadge 7-10 p.m.
- Sunday, October 14 - LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.



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# RELIEF SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

by Sister Gretchen Pavkov, Stake RS First Counselor

In Luke 17:11-19 we read the story of the ten lepers who while they “stood afar off” called out to the Savior, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” They followed his instruction, and all ten were “cleansed.” However, “one turned back and with a loud voice glorified God” and “fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks.” All ten lepers had been blessed with the eradication of their leprosy, yet only one stopped to thank and praise the giver of the great blessing. To this man was given the second blessing of (vs. 19) being made whole.

Here, the Lord is teaching all of us that we also, can be made “whole” through the expression of Gratitude.

One University study found scientific proof of the positive relationship between gratitude and happiness. The results concluded that “people who practice gratitude through activities such as keeping a gratitude journal, are more loving, forgiving, and optimistic about the future, exercise more frequently, report fewer illnesses and generally felt better about their lives.”



In D&C 59:7 we have been instructed: “Thou shalt thank the Lord in all things.” And in verse 21 we learn that great joy comes from acknowledging the hand of the Lord in all things.

Brigham Young once stated, “I do not know of any, excepting the unpardonable sin, that is greater than the sin of ingratitude.”

President Thomas S. Monson said, “We can lift ourselves and others as well when we refuse to remain in the realm of negative thought and cultivate within our hearts an attitude of gratitude. If ingratitude is numbered among the serious sins, then gratitude takes its place among the noblest of virtues. Someone has said that “gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others.”

It has been my experience that the Lord asks of me, that which is in my best interest. That which brings me closer to him. This week at your family dinners see if you can daily list five things for which you are thankful for and see if the attitude of gratitude lingers.

## MISSIONARY LEAVING



**GAVIN CHRISTOPHER  
LOUCKS**

19 SEPTEMBER 2018

FOR

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MISSION**

## MISSIONARY RETURNING



**CAROLINE DIANE  
BULLOCK**

4 SEPTEMBER 2018

FROM

**CALIFORNIA ARCADIA  
MISSION**

## BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

**August 1 to September 30**

**White Beans & Granola**

White Beans: 30-year shelf life.

A 5.3 lb. can is \$4.50 or  
a case of 6 cans is \$27.00

Granola: 1-year shelf life.

A 2 lb. pouch is \$6.50 or  
a case of 16 cans is \$104.00

Elder and Sister Juhasz and Elder and Sister Carpenter  
6900 Southpointe Parkway, Suite C  
Brecksville, Ohio 44141  
440-526-4057

# Ashland Ward Window

*submitted by Brother Barnett*

While many refer to the end of July and beginning of August as the “Dog Days of Summer” it has been anything but slow in the Ashland Ward. Ward members were busy with a Baptism, a couple of great social events, and, as always, taking advantage of opportunities to serve in the Ward and community.

On July 25th, the Ashland Ward welcomed our newest member when Kayla Girolamo was baptized by Dakota Whittenberger, a Priest in the Ward. Kayla is a Senior at Medina County Career Center this fall and was supported by nearly 70 members of her family, the Ward, and Young Women from across the Akron Stake. Kayla attended the Akron Stake Girls Camp the week prior to her Baptism and was instantly brought into fellowship by the leaders and girls from throughout the Stake. The assembled guests heard talks on Baptism from Brother Terry Barnett and on the Holy Ghost from Sister Katrina Summers, and joined for refreshments and fellowship afterward in the Cultural Hall.



On August 3rd and 4th, over 70 members and friends gathered for the annual Ashland Ward Campout near Loudonville. Brother Shawn Landoll and family welcomed the Ward to their property, where they have built a cabin and recently erected a pavilion for events just such as this. The Elders Quorum provided hamburgers and hot dogs, while Ward members contributed pulled pork, side dishes, and desserts. Elders Quorum President James Mathatas led the assembled group in a gospel sing-along around the campfire, after which young and old alike made Smores around the fire. Sister Brenda Lane provided a “Smores Bar” with three different styles of graham crackers and tons of chocolate. About 25 members and friends stayed the night in tents on the Landoll property and were treated to a massive breakfast of French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, and bacon at the Landoll home the next morning. Brother Landoll and the Elders Quorum kept the food flowing, and there were smiles all around!



Then on Wednesday, August 8th, the Ward again gathered for a float trip on the Mohican River in Loudonville. About 40 members and friends met at 6 p.m. and floated downstream for about two hours on a perfect summer's

evening. The event replaced the youth's regular Mutual meeting, and it was great to see several nonmember friends of the youth joining us as we lazily floated, splashed, and enjoyed our time together on the river. Following the float, the group enjoyed a high-energy snack of donuts and hot dogs before heading home for the evening.



Though the project is nearing an end, multiple members of the Ashland Ward have volunteered for hundreds of hours helping digitize nearly 550,000 historical documents housed by Ashland County. The project was made possible by funding from FamilySearch but required painstaking work to carefully unfold and prepare the documents (some of which date to 1846) for digitizing. Multiple Ward members have volunteered to make this process possible, and the work is expected to be wrapped up in the next few weeks. FamilySearch officials initially expected the work would take two years, but due to the overwhelming response of the Ashland community, they hope to complete the work in just 58 weeks. For more information, see this article in the Ashland Times Gazette:

<http://www.times-gazette.com/news/20180820/county-record-preservation-project-nears-close-about-550000-images-preserved>

Finally, the Elders Quorum gathered at the home of Brother and Sister Jim and Eileen Nance on Tuesday, August 14th, to construct a wheelchair ramp for Brother Nance, who recently underwent surgery on both knees and will be wheelchair bound for several months. The brethren first used their Sunday quorum meeting time on the 12th to discuss the project and how best to proceed. Then, after gathering needed materials and researching zoning requirements with the help of Sister Nance, the brethren arrived on Tuesday evening to construct the ramp. With the outstanding response of so many Elders Quorum members, this ministering opportunity was completed in just about two hours, and Brother Nance was able to return to his home as planned on Friday the 17th after a brief stay in a rehab facility.

Fellowshipping, ministering, and having fun – the Ashland Ward has been busy as summer turns to fall in Ohio. We are grateful to Heavenly Father for the bonds of fellowship that join us together, and for the opportunities to meet together and serve others as the Lord asks of us.



# August Graduates Enjoy Pathway Experience

by Elizabeth Nielson

When Brother Terry Barnett of the Ashland Ward took a break from college after three semesters in his early 20s, he figured he'd be going right back to school a few months later. His dad had passed away from cancer, and Brother Barnett wanted to take some time off. He began making a steady paycheck at a well-paying job, and before he knew it, those few months had turned into more than twenty years.

Brother Barnett had climbed the ranks of the company he worked for and was supporting his family without needing a college diploma. But when he was suddenly laid off two years ago, he found himself unable to transition to another job that made even close to the amount of money he had been making.

"It just seemed like the lack of a college education was holding me back from a lot of great jobs," he said. "Then I saw a friend at the Pathway graduation, and it clicked that this was a way to get the education that I needed. The idea of going back to school was not really something that was anywhere near the top of my list. We had just had a baby and money was tight. The Pathway graduation hit at the perfect time for me to say 'well this is a commitment I can make. This is something that can be managed without sacrificing everything.'"



From left to right and going from back row to front: Esther Rexroad, Justin Clark, Nathan Varner, Terry Barnett, Susan Meadows, Kym Henry, Cynthia Dahl, Deborah Parker, Kortnie Haslam, Amy Oglesby, Jesse Castillo, Barbara Braden

On August 19, the Pathway program graduated twelve individuals from the Akron and Youngstown stakes in a ceremony at the Akron Ward building. These brothers and sisters received their Pathway certificate, which guarantees them admission into a BYU-Idaho degree program. Brother Barnett was among those graduates.

"Most universities do have some sort of avenue to come back

to school as a non-traditional student, but they don't have the support system," he explained. "You have to find those avenues yourself. The Pathway program is really set up to say 'Bring me all your people who don't fit into this box. Bring me all the people who have families, who have jobs, who are career transitioning, and we're not going to charge you lots of money and have you wait years. We're going to give you a one-year intensive program that you can afford and get you started and on your way.'"

Sister Kym Henry of the Massillon Ward was also a graduate this summer. "I had tried other ways of getting my degree, and it just didn't work out," Sister Henry said. "This program is so inspired. Pathway is what got me moving forward. It's definitely created to help us learn that we can do it. It gave me a lot of confidence."

Sister Henry found that some of her classes were immediately applicable in other parts of her life. "The finance program of the general studies section was invaluable," said Sister Henry. "It goes right along with the Church's program of self-reliance and provident living."

Brother Barnett also found the Pathway coursework to be directly useful. "There were a lot of skills that I immediately transferred to my current job. We did work in Excel and in budgeting. I learned little tricks that I could use right away."

Brother Barnett is planning to use the online option to take classes at BYU-Idaho toward a bachelor's in Business Administration. Sister Henry will instead take more time as she explores which degree program she wants to pursue. She'll start back in January, taking a few classes. Pathway is a flexible program that allows the participants to work at their own pace. And according to Sister Henry, "It's so worth it."

## Self-Reliance Spotlight

### Stake Update

As promised, September will be an exciting month as we embark on the next round of self-reliance groups. Wards and Branch Leaders are finalizing plans for local Devotionals across the Stake. Here's the latest schedule (with more dates coming soon):

- Sept 2 – Tallmadge Ward
- Sept 9 – Canton Ward & New Philadelphia Ward
- Sept 16 – Wadsworth Ward
- Sept 30 – Ashland Ward & Medina Ward

Check with your local leaders for details!

### Principle #10 – Show Integrity

"Integrity means always doing what is right and good, regardless of the immediate consequences. It means being righteous from the very depth of our soul, not only in our actions but, more importantly, in our thoughts and in our hearts ... The consummate reward of integrity is the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost."

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin,  
"Personal Integrity," Ensign, May 1990

### Invitation

- 1) Rate yourself (never, sometimes, often or always)
  - a. I keep all my promises, commitments and covenants
  - b. I am completely truthful in the things I say and the records I keep
  - c. I never cheat, even when I know I won't be caught
  - d. I always pay back money I borrow
- 2) Choose one aspect of integrity to work to improve  
Learn more within the *My Foundation* workbook on [srs.lds.org](http://srs.lds.org)

## Family History Corner

### Family History Fair

On October 20th, the Akron Ohio Stake Family History Center will be hosting a "fantastic" Family History Fair. What a great opportunity to be taught by experts in the fields of family history research. With 24 different classes being offered, there will be help available for anyone's research needs. Classes will cover a host of Internet sources and databases from the Big 4 including Fold3. As for other research there will be English/Welsh, African American, German and even Indians from Ohio classes available. Please come and join us. After all, "It's All Relative." Here is the link to the website to get your ticket ...

[EVENTBRITE](#)

Also look for the flyer in the newsletter for more information. Any questions, please feel free to get in contact with me.

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# Religious Freedom CONFERENCE

Broadcast from Columbus, Ohio

Saturday  
September 8, 2018  
6:00pm - 8:00pm EST

Massillon - 2625 Ohio State Drive SE  
Tallmadge - 106 East Howe Road



Elder Jack H. Conrad  
General Authority Seventy



Elder Gary L. Stevenson  
Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



Elder Loren K. Wickman  
Chair of General Authorities  
Executive General Authority Seventy

Please join us  
as we learn from leaders of

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
about religious freedom, the challenges involved, and  
what we as individuals, families, and members of the  
Church can do to support these freedoms in our  
communities and in our country.

Ages 16 and Older are Invited to Attend

*We claim the privilege of  
worshiping Almighty  
God according to the  
 dictates of our own  
conscience, and allow all  
men the same privilege,  
let them worship how,  
where, or what they may.*  
Articles of Faith 1:11

# It's All Relative!



## FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Sponsored by the Akron Ohio Stake of  
**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
106 East Howe Road - Tallmadge, OH

Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9 AM - 4 PM  
Register at [EVENTBRITE](#)

### Schedule:

8:00 am - Check in/registration  
8:45 am - Opening Remarks  
9:00 pm - Classes Begin  
4:00 pm - Classes End

### See available classes and additional information at:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Akron\\_Ohio\\_Family\\_History\\_Center](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Akron_Ohio_Family_History_Center)  
Attendance & Lunch are FREE!



## Community Provident Living - Emergency Preparedness Event September 29, 2018 9am - 1pm



Location: Brecksville Bishop's Storehouse  
6900 Southpointe Parkway Unit C  
Brecksville, OH 44141

Please join us for this community event, sponsored by  
the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.  
Featuring information and booths by the Red-Cross,  
CERT - Community Emergency Response Team,  
Catholic Charities, Mormon Helping Hands, JustServe,  
Local Fire and Police Stations and more!



## Come Join Residents from 26 Surrounding Communities to visit booths, talk to experts, and learn about topics such as:

- **72 Hour Emergency Preparedness Kits**
  - Learn how to prepare or where to purchase 72 Hour Kits for you or your family. They are portable, easily accessible, up to date, complete with essentials in case of emergency. Be prepared for the first 72 hours of an emergency.
- **Family Home Storage**
  - Learn how to start and maintain a home food and household necessities storage; including canned food, dried foods, water, and household essentials.
- **Bishop's Storehouse:**
  - What it offers, how it can be a resource to your family's emergency preparedness and how they support local communities.
- **The ABC Simple and Easy Vital Records System/FEMA:**
  - Vital Statistics, Military Records, Names to Notify, Professional Records, Funeral Instructions, Financial Information, Financial Emergency First Aid
- **Red Cross of Cleveland:**
  - Learn about: First Aid, Babysitting & Childcare, CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillator), Hands on CPR & Demonstration of Care for Infant Choking, The Pillowcase Project
- **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team):**
  - Learn how CERT educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.
- **Catholic Charities:**
  - Learn about self reliance and assistance programs, focusing on mental health/hispanic mental health resources
- **Mormon Helping Hands:**
  - Mormon helping hands is a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints response project coordination. Learn how groups of church members come together with communities and tackle large and small service projects to better communities following emergency events such as natural disasters.
- **JustServe (Community Service & Volunteer Resource)**
  - Learn about volunteer opportunities within your own community and how JustServe Volunteers help relieve suffering, care for the poor and needy, and enhance the quality of life in the community. Go to [JustServe.org](#) for more information.
- **Local Fire & Police Station, and Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office**
  - Learn more about current emergency services information, as well as basic safety and emergency response within communities.

**Learn about Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Food Storage & Provident Living, and meet local resources for you and your families.**  
Booths and Refreshments open from 9am - 1pm. --- All Welcome!