

AKRON OHIO STAKE

A New Stake Presidency

Stake President Quinn Coburn and his wife Denna are originally from the northwest part of the U.S. but have lived in Ohio for the past 25 years. They are the parents of four sons and four wonderful daughters-in-law. President Coburn served a mission in Kobe, Japan, before pursuing an education in finance. He holds an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's The Wharton School and a Bachelor's degree from Utah State University. He is currently employed as the Chief Financial Officer of a manufacturing company based in Cleveland.

President Kumen Call (1st Counselor) and his wife, Holly, are the parents of two children: Mac



Holly and Kumen Call, Quinn and Denna Coburn, and Winnsa and Tony Wen



President Kumen Call, President Quinn Coburn, President Tony Wen

and Jane. He grew up in Idaho, Oklahoma, and Utah. He served a Russian-speaking mission in the Ukraine Kiev Mission, spending the majority of his mission in the country of Belarus.

He graduated from the University of Utah and has an MBA from Indiana University. He is the vice president of finance for an electronics manufacturer.

President Call enjoys running, and he and his family love spending time at the beach together.

President Tony Wen (2nd Counselor) was born and raised in Hong Kong where he first met missionaries from the Church. He pursued his education in the U.S., receiving his B.Sc. and MBA degrees from BYU, and then

returned home to Hong Kong to work in the pharmaceutical and agricultural industries. He had been stationed in Beijing, China for five years before his family's emigration to the U.S., where he worked in the international trading industry before his own import and export business.

President Wen met his wife, Winnsa, while serving as a missionary in Hong Kong. They have three daughters, Worthy, Eden and Illia; two son-in-law's, Avriel and Greg; and two grandchildren,



Milan F. Kunz (Area Seventy), Jerry Jenson (Stake Executive Secretary), Kumen Call (First Counselor), Quinn Coburn (Stake President), Tony Wen (Second Counselor), Paul Stark (Stake Clerk), Joaquin E. Costa (General Authority Seventy)

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Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, January 6 - Fast Sunday
- Sunday, January 13 - LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Sunday, January 13 - Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults 8-9 p.m.
- Sunday, January 27 - Youth Standards Night/Tallmadge 6:30-8 p.m. for all youth ages 12 and up and their parents.
- Sunday, February 3 - Fast Sunday
- Saturday, February 9 - Quad Stake Youth Dance/Cleveland 7-10 p.m. for all youth ages 14 and up at the Cleveland Stake Center
- Sunday, February 10 - LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Saturday, February 23 - Youth Ice Skating/Activity Alice Noble Ice

Light the World

The Akron Ohio Stake again donated a tree to the Akron Children's Hospital Festival of Trees fundraiser at the John S. Knight Center. President Talley chose the theme of "Light the World" to share the service ideas associated with the Church's Light the World initiative. The tree was adorned with handmade ornaments from several



children in the stake as well as a few service ideas worldwide. The word "serve" was



handwritten on ornaments in several different languages. A boxed gift set which included



a book, "Soft Enough for a King" a Christmas tradition of service, a pretty wooden manger and a sweet little baby Jesus along with "straw" where children, a family, or a group could write their kind acts of service and place them in the manger during the month of December. The manger was incorporated directly into the tree and the more straw added, the softer the bed becomes for the baby Jesus on Christmas morning.



The tree was designed and decorated by Margie

Morrison, Kim Roncaglione and Maria Kremer of the Massillon ward and took approximately 31 hours of work to complete.



Self-Reliance Spotlight

Stake Update

Self-Reliance groups are now underway in almost every unit across the Stake – some units even have multiple active groups running concurrently. Those participating are working to develop greater self-reliance for themselves, their families and those to whom they minister. Please continue to reach out to your Ward Specialist or Ward Council to learn more.

My Foundations Principles

Hopefully you've been able to follow along with our monthly review of each of the twelve principles for self-reliance. Learning and practicing these doctrines and skills will enrich your life.

"And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this . . . path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save. . . . Ye must press forward with a stead- fastness in Christ."

2 Nephi 31:19-20

Invitation

- Share what you've learned about self-reliance with others.
- Talk to your Ward Specialist about joining one of the next rounds of groups after the new year.

Learn more on srs.lds.org

New Philadelphia Bishopric Reorganized

The New Philadelphia Ward Bishopric was reorganized on November 11, 2018. **Bishop Tim McKnight** was serving as the elders quorum instructor prior to his call but has served in three past bishoprics. He served a full-time mission to Vienna,



Brother Glenn Vogel, Bishop Tim McKnight, Brother Paulo Morris.

MISSIONARIES RETURNING



**BENJAMIN THOMAS
PORTER HAUSER**

17 DECEMBER 2018

FROM

**MÉXICO MÉXICO CITY
WEST MISSION**



**JARED JOSEPH
DAVIS**

28 DECEMBER 2018

FROM

**BRAZIL BRASÍLIA
MISSION**



**STEVEN LAMBERT
STENQUIST**

31 DECEMBER 2018

FROM

**MÉXICO MÉXICO CITY
NORTH MISSION**

Austria, and his wife, Karen, was a missionary in the Philippines. They have five adult children and four granddaughters. Bishop McKnight is a board-certified family physician at Trinity Hospital Twin City. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1985 with a degree in Human Nutrition and completed Ph.D. coursework in Human Nutrition before beginning medical school at Ohio State University in 1993.

Brother Glenn Vogel was born in New Philadelphia and graduated from New Philadelphia High School. He converted to the church and was baptized in 1975. He has been married to his wife Elaine for 46 years, and they were sealed in the Washington D.C. Temple. They have four children (two living and two deceased) and six grandchildren. Brother Vogel retired after 36 years as an Aerospace Inspector with The Timken Company and is a U.S.

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Medina Ward Window

submitted by Brother Brandt Stiggins

The Medina Ward is trying to take a proactive approach to their missionary work. In Ward Council, members discussed the need to have events to invite their friends to. The Council decided to host a ward Volleyball Night every Friday and the ward is loving it. Every Friday ward members meet and invite friends to play non-competitive volleyball. Friends of all ages are welcome to play, and the group is very

encouraging even offering a “second chance” serve when a first try doesn’t make it over the net. The ward hopes that members will continue to invite friends and it will be a comfortable way to introduce others to our church building and the great ward



family we share. In conjunction with our volleyball night, the

missionaries from both the Medina and Wadsworth ward host a Book of Mormon study group. Each week they will read a chapter of the Book of Mormon and then discuss it with the group. Participants share their favorite verse from the chapter. It has also created a comfortable environment for new converts and those investigating the church to ask questions and explore gospel topics. The Medina Ward hopes to continue to strengthen our missionary efforts and strengthen our Ward family.



HISTORIC KIRTLAND NATIVITY EXHIBIT “CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH CHRIST”

**November 26 to
December 31, 2018**

**Mon-Sat: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sun: 1 to 8 p.m.**

Join us this Christmas season for our annual nativity exhibit. With nearly 1,000 nativities from all over the world on display, you won’t want to miss it! We will be closed Christmas and New Year’s Day.

**Historic Kirtland Visitors’ Center
7800 Kirtland-Chardon Road
Kirtland, OH 44094**

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Air Force veteran. He has served previously as elders quorum and Sunday School presidents, ward clerk, branch president as well as a counselor to three branch presidents, ward executive secretary, ward mission leader, stake high councilor and Sunday School president.

Brother Paulo Morris and his wife Kathy live in Dover Ohio. He met his wife Kathy in 1972 in the military while in Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was sealed to his wife in the Los Angeles Temple on April 16, 1977. They have five children and 14 grandchildren. He has previously served as Cub Scout den leader, seminary teacher, missionary meal coordinator.



The Miracle of the Chinese Bamboo Tree

After the seed for the amazing Chinese bamboo tree is planted, watered, and fertilized regularly every year you see NOTHING for four years except for a tiny shoot coming out of a bulb. During those four years, all the growth is underground in a massive, fibrous root structure that spreads deep

and wide in the earth. But sometime during the fifth year, the Chinese Bamboo tree grows to EIGHTY FEET IN SIX WEEKS! Life is much akin to the growing process of the Chinese bamboo tree. It is often discouraging. We seemingly do things right, and nothing happens. But for those who do things right

and are not discouraged and are persistent things will happen. Through patience, perseverance, diligence, work and nurturing, that “fifth year” will come, and all will be astonished at the growth and change which takes place. Finally, we begin to receive the rewards.

We can also apply the example of the Chinese bamboo tree to family history research. We sometimes spend countless hours researching, only to come up with nothing. Then suddenly a door will open, and there is all the information we have been looking for and more. It is as though our ancestors our telling us, I’m here, I have always been here, but you finally used the right key to open MY door. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, we must “never, never, NEVER give up!” The Akron Ohio Family History Center is here to help you find the right key and open those doors to connect with your ancestors. Our hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; the first and third Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Thursday evening

Easthill YSA Branch

by Kelly Smith

We were thrilled to meet more young single adults and high school students after stake conference at the YSA Snack and Mingle. Thank you for making an effort to come and say “Hi!” We love meeting new faces, especially when it comes to food and activities. December 8th will not only be a quad stake activity but a state-wide Christmas Ball. It will be at the Kirtland Stake Center starting at 8 p.m. Come in church clothes, or a tuxedo or ball gown. We are excited to turn back time and relive a fancy traditional style holiday ball. Hope you can join us!



this Christmas
GIVE AS HE GAVE

