

AKRON OHIO STAKE

Stake Presidency Message

Our Castle of Protection



President Coburn

Recently my wife Denna and I had a chance to tour the Chillon Castle on Lake Geneva, in Switzerland. This Medieval castle was a strategic stronghold for many years, from about the 11th century to near the end of the 18th century.

We were very impressed with the construction of the castle, built on solid rock that formed a small island outcropping in the lake. The tour of the castle detailed how the structure was designed and constructed for maximum protection. It also included a collection of armor and weapons from that period which the occupants would have used for defense and protection.

Shortly after we finished the tour, we received a text from a family member with a picture of the temple that they were visiting that day.

Denna quickly raised the topic of the similarities and the differences between the castle and the temple. Both were built for protection.

Both stand as a defense. But one as a defense with mortal consequences. The other as a defense with eternal consequences.

The Saints throughout history received great promises of protection.

I am thy shield (Genesis 15:1, Psalms 3:3)
No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17)

In these the latter days, we continue to have “divinely provided protections.”

Elder Quentin L. Cook stated, “... the storms and temptations of this life are often unpredictable. But this we know: they will come! In order to overcome the challenges and temptations that each of us inevitably faces, it will require righteous preparation and the use of divinely provided protections. We must determine to be temple worthy regardless of what befalls us. If we are prepared, we shall not fear.”

I testify that the temple is a “divinely provided protection” for us. As a Stake Presidency, our highest priority and focus is to see

all members to be temple worthy and hold a temple recommend.

May we all follow the words of President Howard W. Hunter: “It is the deepest desire of my heart to have every member of the Church worthy to enter the temple.”



CORRECTION - Save the Date - October 12
Akron Ohio Stake Family History Fair “Unlock the Past”



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- ### Upcoming Dates
- Sunday, July 7 - Fast Sunday
 - Monday-Friday, July 8-12 YW Camp
 - Sunday, July 14 - New Portage Branch Conference
LDS Child Loss Group/Stark’s home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, July 16 - Temple recommend Interviews/Tallmadge 6-7 p.m. No appointments needed.
 - Saturday, July 20 - Tabernacle Choir Pioneer Day Concert Broadcast 10 p.m.
 - Sunday, July 28 - Medina Ward Conference
 - Sunday, August 4 - Fast Sunday
 - Sunday, August 11 - Tallmadge Ward Conference
LDS Child Loss Group/Stark’s home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 17 - Summer Ending Picnic/TBD 2-5 p.m. for all youth in the YM/YW program.
 - Sunday, August 25 - Wadsworth Ward Conference

2019 STAKE YOUTH CONFERENCE THEME I AM HIS: BELIEVE, LOVE, DO

Over 100 youth from the stake attended the June 21-22 Stake Youth Conference held at the stake center in Tallmadge. Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf's October 2018 General Conference talk entitled, *Believe, Love, Do*, inspired this year's Youth Conference theme. The activities and workshops focused on the love of the Savior, believing in His reality and the importance of following Him.

As the youth arrived Friday morning, they were assigned to groups led by other young men and young women in the stake. The morning was



spent getting to know each member of the group and preparing to perform an impromptu skit for the rest of the youth. Following lunch,

the youth participated in a rotation of three different workshops and an "Escape Room" activity. Each workshop focused on a part of the theme – Believe, Love and Do – and included fun activities as well as spiritual instruction to build their testimonies. The escape room was themed, and the clues needed to escape followed the 2018 youth devotional talk from President Russell M. Nelson.



Following dinner on Friday night, the youth had some additional group time that focused on promoting discussion on specific topics



that allowed them to get to know each other better and foster new friendships. The evening concluded with a fun and engaging dance with music that even the chaperones recognized.

Saturday morning, the youth returned to the stake center for a rotation of four different activities with lunch in between. The rotation included two service projects, team building games tied to the theme and a workshop that allowed each youth to write a letter to their future



elves. In order to ensure hands-on participation for each youth, four different projects were offered. Several volunteers in the stake helped facilitate these projects which included: sewing pillowcases for Akron Children's Hospital; decorating bags and cards for Compassion Delivered (an organization in Stark County that delivers meals to terminally ill patients); indexing; and making cards, bookmarks and treat bags for O.U.R. (Operation Underground Railroad, a rescue organization for



human trafficking). A spiritual testimony meeting concluded the two-day event.

The Stake Young Men and Young Women presidencies are grateful for all the youth who attended and the spirit they brought to the conference. The Akron Ohio Stake is blessed to have such special young men and young women who have strong testimonies of the Gospel and who love the Savior. A special thank you to all who participated and made the conference possible.



Ashland Ward Window

submitted by Brother Terry Barnett, Ashland Ward Executive Secretary

The past few months have been busy in the Ashland Ward as we have worked hard to build our testimonies and advance the work of the gospel here on the earth. The events have ranged from spiritual to temporal, but all have had in common the fellowship of ward members, families, and friends of the Ashland Ward.

On March 16th, we held a ward temple day at the Columbus Ohio Temple, organized by the elders quorum presidency. First up for our adults was the 9 a.m. endowment session, attended by numerous couples and singles. Following the endowment session, many of those members proceeded to the adjoining chapel to provide child care so that parents with young children could attend the 11 a.m. session. Others met a large group of our youth and took part in the 11:30 a.m. Family File Baptistry session. Following the sessions, members were able to fellowship with each other and enjoy food provided by the elders quorum. The spirit of the Lord was in great abundance as we worshiped together and heeded President Nelson's call "to identify those things you can set aside so you can spend more time in the temple."

On March 31st, we followed up the temple trip with a fifth Sunday "Family History Extravaganza" during our second hour. The adults and youth were introduced to the Ashland Ward Temple and Family History Plan for 2019, before splitting off to work on their personal family history with the help of ward family history consultants and others. Primary children worked on creating a three-generation chart complete with pictures! And the end of the hour, the Primary children were sent home with folders full of family history resources for children of all ages. Adults

were encouraged to complete their four generation chart, download the Family Tree app to their mobile devices, and worthily hold (and renew) a temple recommend. A great time was had by all, and the work started continues to bless families here and now and for the eternities.

As the end of school approached, the Ashland Ward joined with the Wooster Ward for a fun night of swimming at the Ashland University Rec Center on May 15th. Youth and adults from both wards burned lots of calories swimming and diving in the pool, and then replaced those calories with TONS of yummy treats after the event. This has become an annual joint event for our two wards, and we so look forward to fellowshiping with our friends from Wooster!

And finally, our third annual Ashland Ward BBQ was held on Friday, May 24th to kickoff the long holiday weekend. Shawn Landoll and family graciously hosted over 75 members, families, and friends from across the ward for a great night of food and fellowship. Technically, the event is called the "Elders Quorum BBQ" but has expanded to include our entire ward as a great celebration and chance to spend time together.

Brother Landoll worked the grill at his amazing covered pavilion, while the rest of the ward contributed salads, BBQ pork, deserts, and anything else you could ever want to eat. The children and youth roamed the woods while the adults spread out camp chairs and enjoyed the early summer evening with a roaring bonfire. This annual BBQ has become one of the year's favorite events, thanks in no small part to the efforts of the elders quorum presidency and Landoll family!



Family History Corner

by Jeanne Peugh, Director



The Stake Family History Center was inundated Saturday, 22 June, with about 53 youth and staff members. It was Stake Youth Conference and one of the service projects on tap for the day's activities was Indexing. Luckily, for the consultants ready to help, the deluge happened over the course of the day in four organized waves. It was a sight to behold.

Forty-seven eager youth ready to learn were turned loose to serve in the work of saving God's children. Many came already armed with an understanding of the process of indexing, others after but a little coaching took off at a fast pace. Over 1,200 records were digitized in the four fifty-minute classes, which was at a rate of 25.5 names per youth.

We have some pretty amazing youth in our stake who were willing to participate in this on-going work.



Gather scattered Israel on both sides of the veil.

2. Invite and help others to "come and see" our sacrament meetings, baptismal services, and family and church activities.

MISSIONARIES SERVING



THOMAS BIGGS

JULY 2019 - JULY 2021

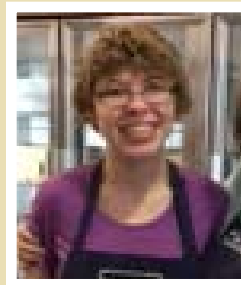
**MEXICO TIJUANA
MISSION**



MAX AND KARY LEWIS

JULY 2019 - JAN 2021

**ECUADOR QUITO
MISSION**



SIERRA CARTER

STARTING JULY 2019

**BISHOP'S STOREHOUSE
BRECKSVILLE, OHIO**

OHIO LDS
MUSIC CONFERENCE

Honoring Christ

On Saturday, September 7 from 8-4:30 the 8th Annual Ohio LDS Music Conference will be held at the Columbus Ohio Stake Center, Galloway, Ohio. The purpose of the Conference is to make better musicians. In general, musicians who are well-trained, greatly-experienced, and/or remarkably-talented are the instructors. They teach skills that promote immediate growth, rather than philosophizing. Organists, pianists, congregational conductors (including Primary Music Leaders), choir directors, ward and stake leaders over music programs, as well as composers, arrangers and lyricists, are our target audiences.

This year our theme, "Honoring Christ", has changed



some of our customary offerings. Among the changes are the inclusion of the 3 p.m. temple endowment session. The Columbus Ohio Temple is 15 minutes from our new location.

Nine acts of entertainment, each from a different genre (classical, pop, jazz, Broadway, novelty, etc.), will be featured during lunch. Sacred music will be performed in the our opening session, with a keynote speaker to be announced in July.

At 8 a.m., we are serving a light breakfast. Those who register early will receive a free sack lunch. For more detail on the location, schedule, instructors, entertainers, classes, etc., go to ohldsmusic.org

Stake Sunday School Presidency

Cliff Hoschouer, President - was born in Provo, Utah, and raised in Springville, Utah. Studying and playing sports occupied his time through high school. After graduating, he joined the Marine Corps Reserves and served in the Budapest Hungary Mission. He attended Utah State University, majoring in Aerospace Engineering, but was deployed to Iraq after 9/11. Upon returning, he met his future wife and transferred to The Ohio State University to be with her while she started her Ph.D. Several years, three kids later (two boys and one girl) and with graduate studies finished for Cliff and Emily they moved to Medina, Ohio, where their youngest daughter was born.



Jerry Parsons, First Counselor - has four children, six grandchildren, and married his high school sweetheart (Kaye). He recently retired after 31 years at Briar Hill Stone Company in Glenmont, Ohio. He was baptized in 1974 and has had many different callings, including stake high councilor and bishop, his favorite being scoutmaster back in 1994. He hopes to someday learn to master a cellphone.



Jason Talley, Second Counselor - He grew up in Hudson, Ohio, and currently lives in Stow with his wife and three children. He received an undergraduate degree from Utah Valley University and a law degree from the University of Akron. With the exception of attending school in Utah, he has lived most of his life within the Akron Stake boundaries. Brother Talley says, "I am addicted to chocolate peanut butter ice cream. I enjoy family history work, camping, hiking, skateboarding, and lazy summer days with my family."



WADSWORTH BISHOPRIC



Second Counselor **Thayne Alred**, Bishop **Michael Hauser**, First Counselor **Ken Barfuss**

Pathway Registration Ends August 27

by pathway.lds.org

- Pathway is a one-year program that helps you start or return to college.
- Students earn 15 credits towards a degree.
- Do assignments online and attend classes Thursday evening at a local church building or institute.
- After Pathway, students can earn up to a bachelor's degree online through BYU-Idaho for a fraction of the cost of other schools.

Questions? Contact Elder and Sister Jentzsch at 330-813-0877

BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

June 1 to July 31
Berry Drink Mix & Non-Fat Dry Milk
 Berry Drink Mix - 3-year shelf life
 A 2.5 lb. pouch is \$4.00 or
 a case of 12 pouches is \$48.00
 Non-Fat Dry Milk - 20-year shelf life.
 A 1.8 lb. pouch is \$3.50 or
 a case of 12 pouches is \$42.00

July 1 to August 31
Hard Red Wheat & White Flour
 Hard Red Wheat - 30-year shelf life.
 A 25 lb. bag is \$9.50
 White Flour - 10-year shelf life.
 A 4 lb. can is \$3.50 or
 a case of 6 cans is \$21.00



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 6900 Southpointe Pkwy, Suite C, Brecksville, Ohio 44141
 Wed-Thurs 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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