

# AKRON OHIO STAKE

## Stake Presidency Message

Our beloved Prophet, Russell M. Nelson, has given great advice for our spiritual lives. I would like to put emphasis on his recent suggestion to seek and expect miracles. This was one of his five suggestions in his April 2022 General Conference, “The Power of Spiritual Momentum.” He said, “The Lord will bless you with miracles if you believe in Him, ‘doubting nothing.’” In his April 2021 masterpiece talk, “Christ is Risen; Faith in Him Will Move Mountains,” he encouraged us to learn about miracles. Specifically, he said, “Only your unbelief will keep God from blessing you with miracles to move the mountains in your life.”

In both of those comments, his footnote referenced Mormon 9:21 as well as some surrounding verses. Mormon 9:21 is one of my favorite scriptures. It says: Behold, I say unto you that whoso believeth in Christ, doubting nothing, whatsoever he shall ask the Father in the name of Christ it shall be granted him; and this

promise is unto all, even unto the ends of the earth.

Our family has a story that involves that scripture. When my son-in-law, Andrew, was on his mission in Russia, he became quite ill and was ultimately sent back to the United States for a diagnosis and treatment. He had already spent several days in hospitals in both Russia and Japan. He had a strong desire to be able to return to Russia when he was healthy again but had been informed by his mission president that such a result was quite rare. On the long flight home, Andrew was studying the scriptures, with his desire to be able to return to Russia weighing heavily on his mind. When he came to Mormon 9:21, it jumped out at him and impressed him. He thought that he would try to put this promise to the test and began praying for his desire while trying to “doubt nothing.” Eventually, he was granted the opportunity to return to Russia to finish his mission as a young man now harboring a testimony of that scripture. His story has made Mormon 9:21 hold special meaning for me too.

I invite us all to study in depth the request and accompanying guidance from President Nelson regarding seeking and expecting miracles. I have faith that we can and will experience miracles if we put in the spiritual effort to help bring them about, including letting Mormon 9:21 be a motivating and faith-promoting guide for us.



President Jensen

Single Adults age 30 and over

# 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY

★ KICK OFF ★

## 100 days of family history

BEGINNING MONDAY JULY 4 AND  
ENDING ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12,  
2022 WITH A CELEBRATION OF  
ACCOMPLISHMENT!  
LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Mark your calendar: FHE Aug 8, 2022

at the Stake Center 7pm

Single Adults age 30 and over,

We are so excited to share a fun SA activity that will begin July 4 and run through October 12, 2022! That is 100 days, and we would like to challenge all the Single Adults to take part in doing some type of family history work each day for 100 days! We will be working with Sister Peugh, Stake Temple and Family History Director. Please share this information with Single Adults in your ward. We will gather for another

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# 100 Days of Family History

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FHE at the Stake Center Monday, August 8, at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars; we will have more details to follow.

We can do so many things that will not take much time each day to help those on the other side of the veil. When we get together for our FHE, we will share some of our experiences as well as have some fun activities! We have spent a great deal of time praying and preparing for this event and would like you to read the inspiration behind it all. <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/1991/10/i-have-a-question/has-the-temple-work-for-the-founding-fathers-of-the-united-states-been-done?lang=eng>

We are so blessed to have a Temple of the Lord being built in our area; let us put our shoulder to the wheel and move the work along. Please be prayerful about those you are doing work for and how you are to go about doing so. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us - Brother and Sister Morrison, 459margie@gmail.com, 330-418-1320



## IDEAS FOR FAMILY HISTORY ACTIVITIES

- July 10!!!**  
Add ten new memories  
On July ten we challenge each of you to add ten new memories on your Family Tree Memories App!
- Visit a cemetery**  
Care for a grave site  
Visit a grave site of a family member or a friend. Care for the site. Remove weeds, clean the head stone, maybe leave flowers. We know they are not there but it is in remembrance.
- Picture this**  
A picture is worth a thousand words.  
Find photos of family homes or schools attended and add to your family memories. Internet searches can be very helpful
- Discover resources**  
Find what is new  
Take time to explore Family Tree or Family Tree Memories. Download new apps if you do not have them. There is so much to discover.
- Interview**  
Record a family member  
Come up with some questions to interview a family member and record it on the Memories app.



## Write your Personal History

- 1. Write about your name. Where did it come from? What does it mean?
- 2. When and where were you born?
- 3. Write about your mom. What would you like people to know?
- 4. Write about your dad. What would you like people to know?
- 5. Do you have siblings? Write about them.
- 6. Where did you grow up? What do you remember about this place?
- 7. Think about your house growing up. What was it like?
- 8. What was your childhood bedroom like?
- 9. What was your favorite activity as a child?
- 10. What was your favorite place as a child?
- 11. Who were your friends as a child?
- 12. Did you travel as a child? What were your favorite places to visit?
- 13. What did a typical day look like as a child?
- 14. What did a typical day look like as a teen?
- 15. What was high school like for you?
- 16. What world events were significant to you as a child?
- 17. Write about your grandparents.
- 18. Write about your aunts.
- 19. Write about your uncles.
- 20. Write about your cousins.
- 21. Write about your early school memories.
- 22. What was your favorite subject in school?
- 23. Who was your favorite teacher as a child?
- 24. Did you move as a child? Write about it.
- 25. Who taught you to drive?
- 26. What was your favorite food as a child?
- 27. Write about your most memorable birthday?
- 28. How did you typically celebrate your birthday?
- 29. Write about your favorite holiday memory.
- 30. What was the hardest part about growing up?
- 31. What was the best part about growing up?
- 32. When did you first leave home? Write about the experience.
- 33. What did your parents do for work?
- 34. What was your first job?
- 35. What is your favorite family story?
- 36. Write about a funny story that has been passed down through the generations.
- 37. What were you most proud of as a child?
- 38. What did you want to be/do when you grew up? Did you become it?
- 39. Who inspired you as you matured?
- 40. What job has been your favorite?
- 41. What was the best part of your 20s?
- 42. What was the best part of your 30s?
- 43. Are you in a relationship? How did you meet your significant other?
- 44. Did you have any boy/girlfriends as a youth? Write about them.
- 45. Do you have kids? Write about them.
- 46. What are you most proud of as an adult?
- 47. Where is the most fascinating place you've visited?
- 48. What is one thing about today that you never want to forget?
- 49. What item will you cross off your bucket list next?
- 50. What advice would you give your younger self?

# Self-Reliance Corner

## Self-Reliance Groups

We recently finished up our latest round of Self-Reliance groups. It was our best turnout ever! We will be holding an online devotional in September to provide an overview of how the groups work. We will focus on the “Emotional Resilience – Finding Strength in the Lord” group. We will provide a brief overview of the other groups, but without enough interest, we will not be able to start a group.

The devotional is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 11, at 7 p.m. More info will be provided prior to the meeting. Also, the first Self-Reliance group will tentatively start on Sunday, September 25.

To view a copy of the manuals, go to <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/self-reliance/manuals-and-videos>.

### Pathway

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**Registration ends on August 23!**

For more information, go to [PathwayConnect | BYU-Pathway](#).

Contact your ward Self-Reliance Specialist, or myself (see contact information below), for more information.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let me know.

The Lord has declared, “It is my purpose to provide for my saints” (D&C 104:15).

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## BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER

6900 Southpointe Pkwy, Unit C, Brecksville, OH 44141  
440-526-4057

HOURS: Wednesday & Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A food storage list is available at [www.providentliving.org](http://www.providentliving.org).

# Emergency Preparedness Moment

by Brother Paul McPherson

Welcome to the next installation of the Emergency Preparedness (EP) Moment in the Stake Newsletter. We are excited to provide insights and gentle reminders about preparing for and responding to the unexpected. Elder L. Tom Perry taught, “The need for preparation is abundantly clear. The great blessing of being prepared gives us freedom from fear” (“If Ye Are Prepared Ye Shall Not Fear,” *Ensign*, Nov. 1995, 36).

## Tips to Help You Recover After a Disaster

Once an emergency has passed, the danger is not necessarily over. Often, we do not think of the next steps to keep us protected and begin the rebuilding process. The following tips can help with recovery following an emergency event.

1. Make sure everyone is safe.
2. Look for broken glass and sharp objects, and avoid downed power lines.
3. If warranted, have a qualified individual check for gas

leaks or electrical system damage. Report problems to the utility companies right away.

4. Protect your property from further damage. Arrange for reasonable temporary repairs. Board up broken windows to protect from vandalism and or additional weather damage.
5. Take photos of the damage and save all bills and materials receipts. Do not make permanent repairs until the insurance adjuster has reviewed the damage.
6. Throw out questionable food. If the power is out, keep the refrigerator and freezer closed to keep food cold as long as possible.
7. Report your claim immediately. The sooner you call your insurance carrier, the sooner they can respond. When choosing a contractor, select one who is licensed.

Adapted from the website <https://www.travelers.com/resources/weather/emergency-preparedness>

## Medina Ward Youth volunteering at the Medina County Special Olympics on June 4th



## MISSIONARY UPDATES



### MAKENZIE FRY

*Canton Ward*

Starts 1 August 2022

California Arcadia  
Mission



### STAHELI PALMER

*Medina Ward*

Starts 22 August 2022

Idaho Idaho Falls  
Mission



### BRANDON RICHARDS

*Wooster Ward*

Estimated End 22 August 2022

México México City  
West Mission



## Decision

Every day we have decisions to make and how we want to implement those decisions. Each of us are in different stages of our lives, and because of a prior decision we have made, there are obligations associated with that decision.

There are times we may have to make a “quick” decision without having the time to consider there might be other options. And there are other times a final decision can be made when all the “facts” have been placed before us.

In our study of Elijah this week in “Come Follow Me” we learn that Elijah had some decisions to make that maybe he didn’t comprehend the magnitude of those decisions on us today.

Because of Elijah, the sealing powers were restored and are available to us on a day-to-day basis. The decision is ours to have our families bound together for eternity.

As we approach “Independence Day,” I would like to give members of the Akron Ohio Stake a 30-day challenge to decide that we will devote a few minutes or more each day to spend quality time with our ancestors. If we want to feel the Spirit of Elijah in our lives, we need a testimony of family history work to burn deep within us.

I’m sure we all know that it is now only 30 days to do temple work when an ancestor passes away, but the 110 years still apply. And so much is available to us than ever before. I would encourage you to take advantage of consultants in your wards/branches to help you. Also, at Family History Centers throughout the stake, there is what is called the “Portal,” and it has additional family history websites that you can access for free that we cannot access at home. There is so much more available to enhance our research. See the list of websites on the portal.

## PREMIUM WEBSITES AVAILABLE

**19th Century British Library Newspapers:** This fully searchable database of the British Library’s newspaper holdings provides a complete run of 48 national and regional Victorian British newspapers for the 19th century from 1800 to 1900. These support the study of colonial history, genealogical research, politics, urban studies, and media courses.

**Alexander Street Press - American Civil War:** Research Data: Contains indexed, searchable information on over 4 million soldiers and thousands of battles, together with 15,000 photographs

- *Letters and Diaries:* Contains approximately 100,000 indexed pages of diaries, letters, and memoirs, including 4,000 pages of previously unpublished manuscripts, such as the letters of Amos Wood and his wife and the diary of Maryland planter William Claytor.
- *Images, Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera:* Provides a vivid history of the American Civil War with over 1,400 images.
- *Women and Social Movements in the United States:* Organized around the history of women in social movements in the United States between 1600 and 2000 A.D.

**American Ancestors:** Created by the New England Genealogical Society, the American Ancestors website allows searches in a variety of different databases, including 19th-century newspapers, court and probate records, genealogies, journals and periodicals, and immigration records.

**Ancestry - Institution Version:** Ancestry gives you access to thousands of collections of records from around the world, including immigration, census, voter, vital, and military records; newspapers and periodicals; family trees; photos and images; directories, maps, court, land, wills, and financial records, stories, memories, and histories; and detailed records about births, marriages, deaths, land ownership, and much more. It is the largest for-profit genealogy company in the world.

**ArkivDigital:** ArkivDigital is the largest private provider of Swedish Church Records and other historical records online! All images are newly photographed color images of the original documents.

**British Newspaper Archive:** The largest online historical newspaper database contains tens of millions of newspaper pages from 1607 to the present. Every newspaper in the archive is fully searchable by keyword and date, making it easy for you to explore historical content quickly.

**FamNet:** The online family history network for those who have New Zealand roots.

**Findmypast:** Findmypast makes it easy to research your U.K. ancestry and create your family tree. Search census records and trace births, marriages, and deaths to bring your family history to life. Please note that not all of the content from Findmypast is available in family history centers.

- *1911 British Census* (accessed through the Findmypast website)-The 1911 U.K. Census is a record of everyone who lived in England and Wales in 1911. It provides a unique snapshot of the lives of those who lived at that time.

**Fold3 - formerly Footnote:** Search or browse millions of historical documents and photos. Fold3 has refocused their efforts on gathering the best online collection of military records and stories. The Fold3 name reflects military history and honor since traditionally, the third fold in a flag-folding ceremony honors and remembers veterans for their sacrifice in defending their country and promoting peace in the world.

**The Genealogist:** Contains English parish records, directories, census, civil registration, surname mapping, and selected army and navy lists.

**Geneanet:** This resource, available in centers in the United Kingdom only, contains English parish records, directories, census, civil registration, surname mapping, and selected army and navy lists.

**MyHeritage - Library Edition:** Used by millions of people worldwide to help research family history, build a family tree, and add photos, historical records, and more.

**Newspaper Archive:** NewspaperArchive.com features articles from historical newspapers around the U.S. and the world. Discover fascinating news in archived newspapers hundreds of years old, including obituaries, birth announcements, sports articles, comics, and more, to fill in the life stories you are researching. All of our historical newspapers are full-page and fully searchable.”

**Newspapers.com (Institutional Version):** Historical newspapers from the 1700s–2000s. Millions of additional pages are added every month.

**Paper Trail:** Provides access to 19th-century westward American migration documents.

**Puzzilla - Premium Service:** Find new research opportunities on descendant lines in Family Tree.