

AKRON STAKE NEWSLETTER

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15 - Primary Friend to Friend 12 PM

22 - YM/YM Ice Skating 10 AM

28 - YW YCL Activity

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1 - YW YCL Activity

2 - YM/YW Missionary Fireside

15 - Family History Fair (see flyer)

15 - YM/YW Pre-FSY Activity 6:30-8:00 pm

16 - Worldwide Relief Society Devotional

(Each unit will hold their own viewing and testimony meeting)

March cont.

16 - Self Reliance Classes begin (see flyer)

APRIL

5 & 6 - General Conference

12 - Quad Stake Prom 5-8 pm Medina

13 - Stake Easter Concert

25 - YMCL Activity 5-8 pm Medina

27 - Senior Sunday 12-3 pm Tallmadge

27 - Big YW Camp Meeting 6:30-8 pm Akron

[Click here for detailed information on calendar events](#)

Service Opportunities:

[Crisis Cleanup Phone Volunteer](#)

[Donate to a local Food Bank](#)

Feed Medina County Sewing Project
(**See attached flyer**)

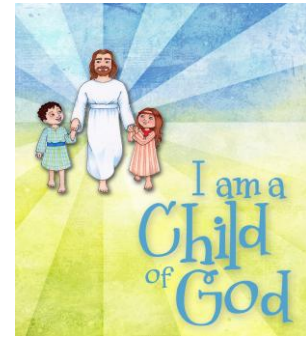
See more at:

[JUST SERVE](#)

[To submit Stake or Area events to the Newsletter Calendar please contact
Susan Jackson \[sjackson2835@gmail.com\]\(mailto:sjackson2835@gmail.com\)](#)



MESSAGE FROM THE STAKE PRESIDENCY



Two years ago, President Russell M Nelson gave a landmark talk called Choices for Eternity (May 15, 2022). This may be my favorite talk he's given because he's speaking about how we can be more successful in living the plan. I'm going to touch on a couple of things from that talk because it's made such a big impact on my life. He makes some bold and wonderful statements in that talk which I will point out.

~First and foremost, we should think of ourselves as a *child of God*.

~Second, as a member of the Church, we should think of ourselves as a *child of the covenant*.

~And third, we should think of ourselves as a *disciple of Jesus Christ*.

Diligent seeking and asking will lead to God giving us a glimpse of who we really are and who we may become.

The famous Christian philosopher C. S. Lewis put it this way: "It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship. ... There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. ." (C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses*)

In April 2024 General Conference Sister Andrea Munoz, from the young women's general presidency, said, "Everything changes when I know who I really am. When I doubt my abilities, I often repeat to myself in my mind or out loud, 'I am a daughter of God, I am a daughter of God,' as many times as I need until I again feel confident to keep going."

Additionally the Young Women's inspired theme starts this way, "I am a beloved daughter of heavenly parents, with a divine nature and eternal destiny". And the Young Men's theme starts similarly, "I am a beloved son of God, and He has a work for me to do". There is a strengthening power in positive "I AM" statements about ourselves and conversely, a damaging power in making negative "I AM" statements about ourselves. Please be careful with these brothers and sisters.

I conclude with President Nelson's blessing and promise, given in the talk I've been referencing:

"As the Lord's prophet, I bless you to know the truth about who you are and to treasure the truth about what your glorious potential really is. ... And I bless you to have the desire and strength to keep your covenants.

"As you do, (know who you are, treasure your glorious potential, keep your covenants) I promise that you will experience spiritual growth, freedom from fear, and a confidence that you can scarcely imagine now. You will have the strength to have a positive influence far beyond your natural capacity. And I promise that your future will be more exhilarating than anything you can presently believe." - President Nelson

I testify that our Father in Heaven and Jesus Christ love us more than we can comprehend right now. They will help us through our trials as we turn to them.

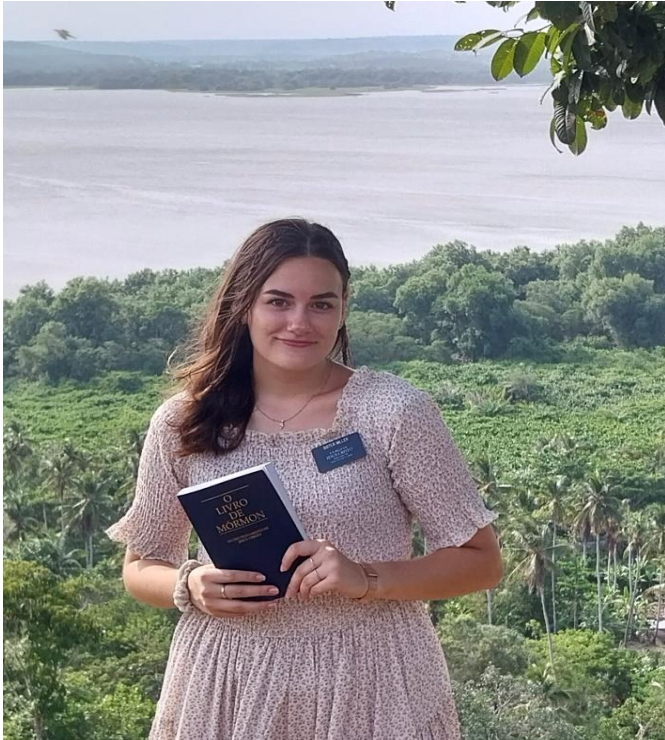
President Jerry Jensen

*Excerpt from his October 2024
Stake Conference Talk*

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Sister Kaylie Miller

Maceió Brazil Mission May 1, 2023 - October 29, 2024



I served my mission in Brazil and quickly fell in love with the Brazilian culture, food, and faith. I enjoyed my mission and I felt the love and hand of The Savior daily. I learned that we can trust in The Lord in all things and that he is always the answer. I am forever touched and my testimony is forever changed, “once a missionary always a missionary.”

“Yea, and from that time even until now, I have labored without ceasing, that I might bring souls unto repentance; that I might bring them to taste of the exceeding joy of which I did taste; that they might also be born of God, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.”

Alma 36: 24

Elder Kelly and Sister Marie McEntire

BYU - Pathway Worldwide

We are Kelly and Marie McEntire and we are starting our 10th year as Pathway Missionaries.

Initially we served in person and met with our students at the Akron Stake Center. Five years ago, we started serving our students online using Zoom. Our students now come from all over the eastern US and Canada. Many are recent immigrants to the US or Canada and English is their second language.

Many have sacrificed much to come to North America and have been led to the Pathway program by the hand of the Lord. It is a privilege and a blessing to work with these wonderful individuals.



CLEVELAND TEMPLE UPDATES



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UNTIL THEN....VISIT

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I'M GOING THERE SOMEDAY!



Ancestor's, Where to Find Them



The Akron and Hiram Stake of
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting an
INTERNATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

When: March 15, 2025 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: 106 E. Howe Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278

Free and Open to the Public and Lunch is provided

[You can signup through EVENTBRITE](#)

or Email Jeanne Peugh Directly

djpeugh@sbcglobal.net

Classes Offered: African-American, British, Czech Republic, Germany,
Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Scotland, Wales, Wiki, DNA and
Understanding Language You Do Not Know



**Calling All who
love to sew and serve!**



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

*The Akron Stake Relief Society
has done several projects with:*

Feeding Medina County

*They have invited us to help them prepare for their
upcoming fundraiser by sewing curtain panels.*

All materials provided.

*Materials can be picked up from Susan Jackson or at the Medina/Wadsworth
Chapel.*

*For more information please email Susan Jackson
sjackson2835@gmail.com
Subject: Feeding Medina County*



[To sign up CLICK HERE](#)



Groups begin February 16

[1. Here is the link to register: Group Registration](#)

****IMPORTANT:** When the map is moved, all groups do not automatically appear. Click the button **“Search this Area”** in the upper right-hand corner of the map to refresh the list of groups. You may need to widen the area by clicking the minus sign at the bottom right.

Personal Finance

For those who want better control over their finances. Group members will learn how to eliminate debt, protect against financial hardship, and invest in the future. They will create a financial plan and follow a budget. Spouses are encouraged to attend together.

Topics discussed are:

1. Becoming a Wise and Faithful Servant
2. Becoming Unified in Our Approach to Finances
3. Paying Tithes and Offerings
4. Creating a Budget
5. Sticking to a Budget
6. Protecting Your Family from Hardship
7. Understanding Debt
8. Getting out of Debt
9. Managing Financial Crises
10. Investing for the Future (1 and 2)
11. Continuing to Give and to Bless Others

Finding Strength in the Lord – Emotional Resilience

Topics* discussed are:

1. Building Emotional Strength in the Lord
2. Healthy Thinking Patterns
3. Our Bodies and Emotions
4. Managing Stress and Anxiety
5. Understanding Sadness and Depression
6. Overcoming Anger
7. Managing Addictive Behaviors
8. Building Healthy Relationships
9. Providing Strength to Others
10. Moving Forward with Faith

Healing Through the Savior The Addiction Recovery Program



Healing through the Savior
THE ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM
12-Step Recovery Guide

Recovery Meetings
Meet Weekly on Zoom
Sundays at 3:00 pm

[Click HERE for
more information](#)

[Click HERE to find
additional meetings](#)



Support Guide
HELP FOR SPOUSES AND FAMILY OF THOSE IN RECOVERY

Spouse and Family
Support Group
Meets Weekly on Zoom
Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

[Click HERE for
more information](#)

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SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

**Thank you Massillon and Medina Wards
for making and delivering food to those that
are working on the Cleveland Temple.
Thank you for sharing your LIGHT!**



<p>George H Allison G006-JRH Sources (1) Memories (1) Collaborate (0)</p> <p>Birth: 11 May 1907 New Brighton, Beaver, Pennsylvania, United States Death: June 1983 Beaver Falls, Beaver, Pennsylvania, United States</p> <p><i>Thank you for helping to build a temple for us.</i></p>	<p>Hazel Adelia Cahill L5J9-YH5 Sources (12) Memories (1) Collaborate (0)</p> <p>Birth: 12 July 1891 Canton, Stark, Ohio, United States Death: 29 January 1991</p> <p><i>What a joyful labor you are performing!</i></p>
<p>Albert N Stiller M76T-BS Sources (1) Memories (1) Collaborate (0)</p> <p>Birth: 4 April 1911 Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, United States Death: 18 September 1975 Pompano Beach, Broward, Florida, United States</p> <p><i>We are grateful for your work and sacrifice.</i></p>	<p>Darrell Oshel Jones KC2N-R9M Sources (12) Memories (1) Collaborate (2)</p> <p>Birth: 30 April 1909 Harmony, Roane, West Virginia, United States Death: 9 July 1968 Canton, Stark, Ohio, United States</p> <p><i>I have family in Canton who will serve in this temple! Thank you!</i></p>