

# October 2024 SANTA CLARA UTAH HEIGHTS STAKE NEWSLETTER



## Stake Presidency Message by Pres. Neil Walter

General Conference each spring and fall is a blessing in our lives. We are fortunate to be able to listen to prophets, apostles, and other inspired leaders. As General Conference approaches, what are some of the things you look forward to? What are some of your traditions? Are there traditions you would like to begin? Are there some you would like to change?

Recently, I have been reviewing some of President Nelson's talks. Following are quotes from recent conference addresses:

"Consider how your life would be different if Priesthood keys had not been restored to the earth."

"As you think celestial, you will find yourself avoiding *anything* that robs you of your agency. *Any* addiction—be it gaming, gambling, debt, drugs, alcohol, anger, pornography, sex, or even food—offends God."

"I plead with you to come unto Him so that He can heal *you*! He will heal you from sin as you repent. He will heal you from sadness and fear. He will heal you from the wounds of this world."

"I am greatly concerned that so many people seem to believe that it is completely acceptable to condemn, malign, and vilify *anyone* who does not agree with them... My dear brothers and sisters, this should not be. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to be examples of how to interact with others—*especially* when we have differences of opinion."

"In coming days, we will see the *greatest* manifestations of the Savior's power that the world has *ever* seen. Between now and the time He returns "with power and great glory," He will bestow countless privileges, blessings, and miracles upon the faithful."

"Dear brothers and sisters, God is the source of all truth. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints embraces *all* truth that God conveys to His children, whether learned in a scientific laboratory or received by direct revelation from Him."

"None of us can control nations or the actions of others or even members of our own families. But we can control ourselves. My call today, dear brothers and sisters, is to end conflicts that are raging in *your* heart, *your* home, and *your* life."

As you prepare for General Conference, consider how following the prophet has changed your life. As you participate in General Conference, you will find there is a message there for you. I testify with those that will be shared conference weekend that President Nelson is a prophet of God, and Jesus Christ leads His church.

# Calendar and Upcoming Events

### Calendar

#### October

Oct 1, Tuesday-Stake Temple Night

Oct 5-6 Sat/Sun-General Conference

Oct 8, Tuesday- 7:00 PM Temple Recommends – Call Brother Ence for appts 435-229-0082

Oct 10, Thursday- 5:00 PM
Stake Cornhole Tournament

Oct 12, Saturday- 10:00 AM Stake Baptisms

Oct 13, Sunday- 4:00 PM Mission Prep

Oct 15, Tuesday- 7:00 PM Temple Recommends – Call Brother Ence for appts 435-229-0082

Oct 22, Tuesday- 7:00 PM Temple Recommends – Call Brother Ence for appts 435-229-0082

Oct 26, Saturday- 7:00 PM Stake Conference

Oct 27, Sunday-

7:30 AM- Stake Adult Leadership Committee Mtg 10:00 AM Stake Conference General Session 6:00 PM Worldwide Event for Youth

#### **November**

Nov 2, Saturday- 10:00 AM Stake Baptisms

Nov 3, Sunday-6:00 PM Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults

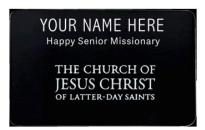
Nov 5, Tuesday- Stake Temple Night

Senior Missionary \ Senior Service Missionary and Prospective Senior Missionary

Devotional

How great will be your joy!

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. St George Tabernacle

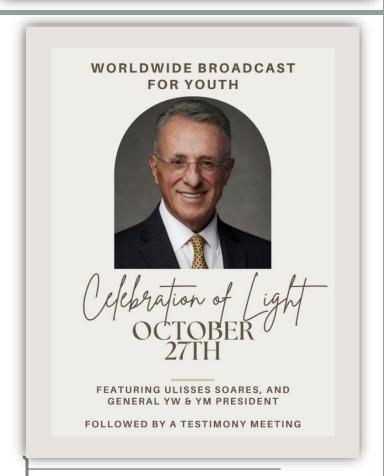


Those invited to attend include

Senior Missionaries, Senior Service Missionaries, <u>Prospective</u> Senior or Senior Service Missionaries, St George Operation Managers, Stake Presidencies

Special Guest Speaker

Elder Evan A Schmutz, General Authority Seventy Emeritus, and Sister Schmutz



# **Full Time Missionaries**

Lee Prescott

Lawrence Esplin

Lee & Norma Letzerich

Pat Clark

Jacob Fife

Isaiah Nielsen

Caleb Pond

Daxton Green

Lee and Kim Esplin

Olivia Stevens

Lucrecia Arredondo

Lenny & Gail Goodwin

Erin Gunn

Emma Miller

Kathy Roberts

Kathrine Kristensen

Gabe Layton

Andrew Ord

Tiffani Hatch

Talon Welch

Connor Evans

Kenyon Hall Jake Johnson

Vickie Lloyd

Ty Ward

Rocky & Mary Ann White

Justin Gibbs

Mike & Carol Smith

Allan & Cindy Lee

Michael & Ileen Chris

Madeline Anderson

Takoy Batt

Church Service Mission

Family History Center

Church Service Mission

Nebraska Omaha

Brazil Porto Alegre South

Mèxico México City Chalco

Kansas Wichita

Japan Fukuoka

Service Missionary Leaders

Australia Brisbane

Family History Mission

**Church Service Mission** 

Perú Lima

Argentina Tucumán

Family History Center

Church Service Mission

Peru Lima South

Bolivia Santa Cruz

Ohio Cincinnati

Canada Edmonton

Argentina Bahía Blanca

México Puebla East

Dominican Republic Santo Domingo West

Church Service Mission

Washington Tacoma

Church Service Mission

Perú Piura

California Santa Rosa

Arizona Gilbert

Tennessee Knoxville

Chile Antofagasta

Canada Winnipeg

Charlene Billingsley Church Service Mission

Church Service Mission Elaine Cooper

Andrew Gubler Japan Tokyo North

Savanna Kearns Belgium/Netherlands

Kathleen Lund Utah SLC Headquarters

Rebecca Walker Church Service Mission

Ken Rivas Church Service Mission

Larry & Christa Barker New Mexico Farmington

Rick & Susan Hafen New Zealand Auckland

Paul & Susan Wagner Philippines Bacolod

Madisen Clegg Australia Melbourne

Marcus Puriri Korea Seoul

Blake Brown Washington Spokane

Jenna Thorkelson Brazil Brasília

Sarah Jane Miller Mexico Pachuca

**Hudson Polatis** Oregon Portland

Kimball Forbes Church Service Mission

Spencer Gunn Argentina Rosario

Karen Bastow Church Service Mission

Afton Page Washington Vancouver

If we have inadvertently left a name off, we are sorry. Please contact us so we can make the corrections- benitabrooks22@gmail.com

#### Full-Time Missionaries serving in our area:

Sister Brianna Tiegan Arostegui Flores Sister Isabell Daynes Sister Sophia Alejandra Diaz Genesis Miguel 435-229-8595

> Elder Caleb Elliott Elder Ethan Simon Elder Travis Moody 435-229-0436

# Missionary Message

#### **By Elder Caleb Pond**

My mission has been a great opportunity for growth. Not only have I grown in my knowledge of the Gospel, but my testimony has grown tenfold. One thing I realized admittedly late on my mission is just how important the Spirit is in this great work. In Preach My Gospel it says to "not rely primarily on your own abilities and knowledge...to be converted, they need to have experiences with the Spirit." The Spirit is the most important tool in conversion. The Lord has granted us, His servants, this tool to use in His work as we strive to be worthy of it, and as we humble ourselves and listen to the promptings and feelings that we receive.



I bear my testimony, as a full-time representative of the Lord Jesus Christ, that there is no more important work going on in

the world right now than the Gathering of Israel. The Lord has prepared us from the beginning to help Him accomplish His work. I bear witness of the truthfulness of the Gospel. I know with all the certainty of my heart and soul that Jesus is the Christ, that He lives, and that He is God's Son. I know that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father. I know the Book of Mormon is true, and that it truly does testify of Christ and His divine mission. I know this work is His, and we are all His instruments. I bear these things in the name of the Only Begotten Son of God, even Jesus Christ, Amen.





# Come Follow Me----The Book of Mormon

# October Curriculum for personal study and Church classes

#### September 30-October 6:

"I Am the Law, and the Light"

3 Nephi 12-16

#### October 7-13:

"Behold, My Joy Is Full" 3 Nephi 17–19



October 14-20:

"Ye Are the Children of the Covenant"

3 Nephi 20-26

#### October 21-27:

"There Could Not Be a Happier People" 3 Nephi 27–4 Nephi

# Stake Religion Class

Our Book of Mormon class with Brother Randy Judd will continue through the rest of the year. The classes will be held on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM in the Rachel Drive Chapel The class will follow the Come Follow Me curriculum for the Book of Mormon in 2024.

Zoom access will continue to be provided for those not able to attend in person. Below is the link and will be the same link for each class.

https://zoom.us/j/94479227649

# Information

### **Uplift Southern Utah**

Below are two links for Instagram and Facebook pages created by our Communication Councils (Uplift Southern Utah). These pages will serve as channels to promote faith filled messages, service opportunities, and updates on events in Southern Utah. Please go and "Like" the Facebook page and "Follow" the Instagram one as well.

#### **Instagram:**

https://www.instagram.com/upliftsouthernutah?igsh=dG5zb 3ZwZXRjanBs&utm\_source=qr

#### Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/share/GE1qcdoHeM9QUHyt/?mib extid=LQQJ4d

## Stake Conference

We look forward to our Stake Conference on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Below is the schedule.

Saturday Evening Adult Session- 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Stake Council and Ward Council Leadership Meeting- 7:30 am

Sunday Morning General Session- 10:00 am

# Stake News and Information

# Stake Cornhole Tournament

Registration is officially open for the 4th Annual Santa Clara Heights Stake Cornhole Tournament. It will be held **Thursday October 10th at 6:00pm at the Stake Center**Stake Center:

1705 Desert Dawn Dr, Santa Clara, UT. 84765

#### Register at the link below:

https://forms.gle/RYkw9DyxjQ3uaUQc6



# Stake News

# National Day of Service

On Saturday, September 7, the Santa Clara Heights Stake honored first responders and all those who served in any capacity following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, by participating in the National Day of Service.

Around 80 volunteers gathered to participate in a cleanup along the biking / walking trail extending from 400 E. down to the detention basin



near Dutchman's Market. Though normally quite well-kept, our volunteers were still able to pick up about a half dumpster's worth of refuse along the trail.

More community members were involved in the weeks leading up to and day of the event through monetary and other donations to the Counselor Closet and Teen Centers for the Washington County School District. It was a tremendous success!

God bless you all and thank you for your service!

Pictures include some of the members of our stake who participated in the day of Service.

(Picture credit and Organizing Supervisor: Brandon Caplin)







# Stake News

National Day of Service continued......

















# Stake and Worldwide News

The Church News included our stake in their news article about National Day of Service.



LIVING FAITH

### 'At our very, very best': Thousands of volunteers help with National Day of Service projects across the country

From packing meals to cleaning up neighborhoods, 9/11 was remembered through acts of love

This is the link to the Church News Article:

https://www.thechurchnews.com/living-faith/2024/09/25/national-service-terrorist-attacks-anniversary-love-very-best/



Camille Finklea, Jan Heward, Susannah Nilsson and Judy Miller help gather food and other essential items as part of the National Day of Service on Sept. 7, 2024 in Santa Clara, Utah. | Provided by John Dye

# Worldwide News and Information

### **General Conference October 2024**

Experience peace and hope through Jesus Christ at general conference. Join us October 5-6, 2024.

#### What Is General Conference?

General conference is the worldwide gathering of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Twice a year, during the first weekend of April and the first weekend of October, Church leaders from around the world share messages, or sermons, focused on Jesus Christ and His gospel.

A Global Broadcast: General conference is streamed and broadcast live in about 70 languages and is later translated into more than 100 languages. It consists of five two-hour sessions that you can watch live or on your own schedule.

#### **Ways to Watch or Listen to General Conference Live**

#### Online

- \*http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/broadcasts?lang=eng
- \*https://www.youtube.com/user/LDSGeneralConference
- \*http://www.byutv.org/watch/livetv



#### Mobile Apps

- \*https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/learn/gospel-stream-mobile-and-ott-app?lang=eng
- \*https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/learn/mobile-applications/gospel-library?lang=eng
- \*https://www.youtube.com/user/LDSGeneralConference
- \*https://www.byutv.org/apps

#### Amazon Alexa Devices—General Conference Skill

Audio of all sessions will be streamed live in English on Amazon Alexa devices (Echo, Echo Dot, Amazon Fire TV Cube, and so on).

To add the General Conference\* skill to your Alexa and listen during the broadcast, say, "Alexa, open General Conference." All talks will also be available for replay within two weeks after general conference.

\*The General Conference skill is not affiliated with or supported by Amazon.com

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