

American Fork 26th Ward

Hastening the Work of Salvation through Temple and Family History Work and Missionary Work

Elder Dallin H. Oaks wrote:

“It would be desirable for each member of the Church to think about the work of proclaiming the gospel, perfecting the Saints, and redeeming the dead not only as an expression of the mission of the Church, but also as a personal assignment. Every member should have some ongoing activity in each of these three dimensions, with a total personal activity that does not exceed what is wise for his or her current circumstances and resources.” (*Ensign*, June 1989)

What’s First?

In our April 2014 Stake Conference, **President Jones** asked us all to do two things related to temple and family history work, and two things related to missionary work.

TEMPLE AND FAMILY HISTORY WORK

1. Watch this **video** at LDS.org (38 mins):

bit.ly/af26-turnhearts

2. Call the **high priests group leader** to arrange for a family history consultant to come to your home, share a message, and discuss what to do next.

The current high priests group leader is:

David Rodeback
801-369-2626
david@rodeback.com

MISSIONARY WORK

1. Read, watch, or listen to these conference talks by **President Henry B. Eyring** and **Elder M. Russell Ballard**:
bit.ly/af26-eyringvoice
bit.ly/af26-ballardessential
2. Ask the **ward mission leader** to have ward missionaries visit you and consult about how to bless the nonmembers you know, by sharing the gospel.

The current ward mission leader is:

Nathan England
801-472-0357
nathan.england@gmail.com

What’s Next?

What’s next is whatever ongoing activity you decide fits your interests, needs, and circumstances. You’re welcome to report your goals and progress to your family history consultant, and you’re welcome to whatever help the ward can offer with your chosen activities. Feel free to use your home and visiting teachers as a resource, too. For a partial – partial! – list of possible activities, see the reverse.

Your Ward Family History Consultant: _____

Your Ward Missionary: _____

Individual and Family Activity Ideas (What Will You Do This Week?)

Temple/Family History Work

Note: We need more indexing and more names for the temple, with more people doing work there. But there are many other ways to help.

- Attend the temple.
- Log into your family tree at FamilySearch.org and post a photo or story of yourself or an ancestor.
- Study a place or time in which an ancestor lived. Write and share your thoughts and discoveries.
- Give someone a ride to the temple.
- Learn how to index. Set a goal.
- Have a family home evening lesson on the importance of temple covenants.
- Do online training at FamilySearch.
- Study the plan of salvation.
- Find a family history document about an ancestor and add it to your tree.
- Index another batch.
- Write part of your personal or family history – start with a favorite memory.
- Babysit for temple-goers.
- Get acquainted with a living relative.
- Make sure your and your immediate family's information is complete and correct in your tree.
- Follow this link to LDS.org and read, watch, or listen: bit.ly/af26-cookroots.
- Prepare family names for temple work.
- Tell your children a story about your parents/grandparents. (Write it down!)
- Ask for more good links.
- Study an historical event in which an ancestor was involved. Write, too!
- Volunteer to clean the temple.
- Pray for direction – but don't wait.

For a longer list or help with any of this, attend a monthly indexing/family history workshop, or invite a consultant to visit you. (See reverse.)

Missionary Work

Note: This list excludes many activities which are simply part of being a good neighbor, which is a separate obligation with its own blessings.

- Follow the ward missionaries on Twitter (@tweetgospel26) or Facebook (Facebook.com/gospel26).
- Invite a friend to your (or a family member's) baptism.
- Post a favorite Church video on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Google+).
- Practice answering likely questions about the Church and your life in it.
- Invite a friend to a baby blessing.
- Post a fun photo from a church activity.
- Invite a friend to a church activity or meeting, or to tour the chapel.
- Read a chapter of *Preach My Gospel*.
- Invite a friend to Family Home Evening. (It doesn't have to be religious!)
- Write to a full-time missionary
- Invite full-time or ward missionaries to teach your family a missionary lesson.
- Read at LDS.org: bit.ly/af26-naturally
- If friends invite you to their church activities or services, go.
- Donate to the missionary fund.
- Invite friends to hear you speak/teach.
- Pray for service opportunities.
- Mention a favorite conf. talk to a friend.
- Invite a friend to missionary lessons.
- Post a photo of a favorite scripture on Twitter or Facebook, with comments.
- Consider directing your efforts to inactive friends, not just nonmembers.
- Reread your mission journal.
- Pray for direction – but don't wait.

Want more ideas or help with any of these? Ask the ward missionaries – or their fearless boss, the ward mission leader. (See reverse.)