

CENTREVILLE VIRGINIA STAKE

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NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, the terms *bishop* and *bishopric* refer also to branch president and branch presidency, and references to *wards* apply also to branches.

Washington D.C. Temple Schedule

Appointments to perform proxy ordinances can be scheduled now through the online appointment system. Appointments to receive living ordinances can be made now by calling the Washington D.C. Temple offices at 301-588-0650.

Note: Appointments for Proxy Ordinances are Encouraged. A few spaces will be held in reserve to accommodate patrons who arrive without an appointment. The temple will make every effort to accommodate those patrons. However, priority will be given to patrons with appointments.

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays:
 - Ordinances beginning at 7 p.m.; last ordinance sessions beginning at 8 p.m.
 - **There are no morning or midday ordinance sessions.**
- Thursdays and Fridays:
 - Ordinances beginning at 10 a.m.; last ordinance sessions beginning at 8 p.m.
 - The 1st Friday of Each month will include a Spanish and an English session at 7:30 p.m.
 - The 2nd Friday of each month will include a Mandarin session at 7:30 p.m.
 - The 3rd Friday of each month will include an ASL session at 7:30 p.m.
 - The 4th Friday of each month will include a Spanish session at 7:30 p.m.
 - The 5th Friday of each month will include an English session at 7:30 p.m.
 - Starting in February, the 4th Friday of each month will include a Spanish session at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturdays:
 - Ordinances beginning at 7 a.m. and each hour thereafter with the last ordinance sessions beginning at 3 p.m.
 - A 9:30 a.m. session is also available
 - **Spanish Sessions:** 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Generally, ordinance sessions in all the other ordinance areas (baptistry, initiatory, and sealing) will begin when the first endowment session of the day begins and continue hourly throughout the day, with the last ordinance of the day beginning when the last endowment session begins.

Follow [this link](#) to schedule proxy ordinance appointments.

Family Names: The term “Family Name” refers to a deceased person whose name has been researched and brought to the temple by a patron. Prior to the temple closing in 2018, “Family Name Cards” were available to patrons in card files maintained by stakes on the bridge at the entry of the temple. The Church has eliminated the use of Family Name Card Files in temples. In addition, the Church has provided the following guidance for the temple and patrons to follow: **“Members and temple workers should not distribute Family Name Cards in the temple to patrons they do not know; such action can disrupt the reverent atmosphere of the temple. Of course, members can share their own Family Name Cards with family, friends, or ward members.”** The temple very much appreciates all adhering to this guidance.

Stake Areas of Focus

During the November 2023 Stake Conference, President Walter announced the following areas of focus, inviting each member of the stake to prayerfully consider how best to incorporate these practices into their discipleship throughout 2024. These focus areas will remain for 2025.

1. Study Daily
 - a. Using various sources (Come Follow Me, Scriptures, General Conference Material)
 - b. Study until the spirit is felt
2. Invite Weekly
 - a. Prayerfully consider and extend invitations to Come and See, Come and Help, Come and Stay
 - b. Consider inviting to Home, Community, and/or Church Activities
3. Minister Regularly
 - a. Fulfill ministering assignments and participate in Ministering Interviews
 - b. Recognizing and helping others in need
 - c. Extend love and kindness
 - d. Be mindful of quorum and class members
4. Frequent Temple and Community Service
 - a. Actively participate in Temple and Family History
 - b. Worship (as applicable) in all areas of the temple
 - c. Leverage JustServe to identify and serve in the community
5. Pray Always:
 - a. Pray while kneeling
 - b. Pray vocally when possible
 - c. Be patient in seeking answers
 - d. Offer gratitude

Topic A: Learn of Early Church History and Little Known Details About the First Vision at a Stake Center Devotional Featuring BYU Historian Dr. Steven Harper, May 4

Come learn of early church history from a renowned expert. Steven Harper, Ph.D., BYU Professor of Church History and Doctrine, will present a unique devotional on **May 4 at 7PM at the Stake Center**, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, revealing little known details associated with the First Vision and the early formation of the Church. All are invited to attend. Please see the attached flier (including link to download Dr. Harper's latest book). The book in the attached link is downloadable for free. To get the most out of this devotional, please read Professor Harper's book in advance of the May 4 devotional.

Topic B: Stake General Priesthood Meeting, Sunday, Apr. 27

The Stake Presidency of the Centreville Stake of Zion will hold its Stake General Priesthood Meeting on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Stake Center, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, VA. All Priesthood holders in the Stake are invited to attend. The Stake YSA Devotional scheduled for the same Sunday will proceed as planned but at 7:30pm.

Topic C: High School Senior Week with the YSAs! Apr. 27-May 1 (NEW)

All graduating high school seniors are invited to "Come and See" what the Young Single Adult program has to offer! Join a community of amazing peers who know how to have fun, make lasting friendships, and draw closer to their Savior as you transition from high school to whatever comes next in your life! Kick off Senior Week by attending the Bull Run YSA ward on Sunday, April 27th from 12-2pm at the Centreville Stake Center with a Munch and Mingle following. Other events include a YSA Fireside, Family Home Evening, RS and EQ activities, and Institute (with dinner)! You don't want to miss it!

Topic D: Stake Primary Activity Day, May 17

The Stake Primary Activity for Activity Day Age Children will be Saturday, May 17, 10 am to Noon. All children turning 8 this year through age 11 are invited to meet at the Washington DC Temple Visitors Center at 10 am for a special Temple "Think Celestial" event. Sunday Dress is recommended. Wards will need to arrange transportation for their children. See attached flier for more details.

Topic E: Stake Youth Activity, Game Night, May 17

All stake youth ages 11-13 (must turn 12 in 2025) are invited to join this month's stake youth activity for a fun and exciting game night. The event takes place on Saturday, May 17 from 7 PM to 10 PM at the Stake Center, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, VA. Bring a friend!

Topic F: NOVA LDS Prom, Apr. 26 (NEW)

The NOVA LDS Prom will be held Saturday, April 26, 8pm-11pm at the Historic Douglass High School, 407 East Market Street, Leesburg, VA. All high school juniors and seniors are invited to join their LDS peers at this event. The Prom theme is "Starry Night." Additional details will be forthcoming. Please make a note of it on your calendars. We hope to see you there!

Topic G: Stake Youth Temple Day, July 10 (NEW)

Stake Youth Temple Day will be Thursday, July 10, 9am-2pm at the Washington DC Temple. This is a special Youth Temple Experience hosted by the Washington DC Temple. Further details to come, but this will involve service in the Baptistry, time in the Visitor's Center, and other instruction geared to youth. This will be an important element in spiritual preparation for Trek just a few weeks later, and will follow the inspiring pattern set by pioneer forbearers who made every effort to complete Temple ordinances prior to their departure from Nauvoo and the trek west. We encourage ward youth leaders to prepare opportunities for youth to research and complete temple ordinances for their deceased ancestors in support of this event. Performing personal family history and temple work will increase motivation and receptivity to the Spirit, following the Savior's example in providing vicarious work on behalf of loved ones. Please place this important event on your calendar, and begin considering how your ward can enable the preparatory work as well as travel to the temple for all eligible youth.

Topic H: Stake Youth Calendar 2025

The Stake YW and YM Presidencies' calendar of youth events can be viewed here: [Stake Youth Calendar of Events 2025](#). The calendared dates are duplicated on the Stake calendar. Events are subject to updates, which will be communicated via this bulletin.

Separately, the worldwide Church youth events for 2025 will occur on June 10 (YM), August 7, and October 26. Details can be viewed here: [Church wide events](#)

In addition, please remember to join the Stake Youth Instagram and Facebook profiles - **cvvastakeyouth** -- for announcements and pictures of youth activities!

Topic I: Sacrament Meeting Times for 2025

Time/Bldg	CV	WF	MN	FR	OX
9:00 AM:	C2/TL	CR	SD	CH	CL
10:30AM:	M1	C1			
12:00PM:	BR	FO	M2		

Building Abbreviations:

CV=Centreville Stake Center, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, VA;

WF=Westfields Building, 14931 Willard Road, Chantilly, VA;

MN=Manassas Building, 8001 Barrett Drive, Manassas, VA;

FR=Fair Oaks Building, 2727 Centreville Road, Oak Hill, VA 20171;

OX=Ox Road Building, 4911 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA.

Ward Abbreviations:

BR=Bull Run YSA Ward;

C1=Centreville 1st Ward;

C2=Centreville 2nd Ward;

CH=Chantilly Ward;

CL=Clifton Ward;

CR=Cub Run Branch;

FO=Fair Oaks Ward;

M1=Manassas 1st Ward;

M2=Manassas 2nd Ward;

SD=Sudley Ward.

TL=Twin Lakes Branch

Topic J: Family Search Center Hours

The table below identifies the hours of operation for the FamilySearch Center.

Ward and youth activities are welcome and encouraged. For more information contact Gary Sombke, Stake Family History Director (703) 307-1365 or Jay Ford, High Councilor (703) 401-9875.

Time	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Sat.
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	2nd & 4th			
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.			X	X
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.		X		

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	X	X	X	
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Topic K: JustServe Corner – St. Thomas Food Pantry and More

It's the fourth quarter of the year and a new sign up is available. St Thomas United Methodist Church gathers food for its food pantry every day, and our stake has specifically been helping out by picking up food donations from Giant on Stone Road on Fridays. We need volunteers with a van or truck and the ability to lift up to the equivalent of 2 watermelons in a box, to pick up food and drive Friday mornings 9 - 10:30 am. Pick up is at Giant 5615 Stone Road. There are usually about 10-20 boxes. Drop off is at St Thomas UMC Food Pantry in Manassas any time before 11 am. See details in the Sign Up Genius below (please copy and paste if necessary).

[Click Here.](#)

Alternatively, if you would like to volunteer to just stock the shelves any day of the week at St Thomas, they would appreciate the help. You don't have to pick up as much weight, and you don't need a big car. Anyone over 8 years old (with a parent or another responsible adult) can participate. They have a webpage where you can sign up. It is posted on [JustServe.org](#). You can find it here:

[Click Here.](#)

Questions? Please contact Kristyne Torruella at KrTorruella@comm.churchofjesuschrist.org.

"Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 13:34) JustServe.org provides many opportunities to show our love for our Heavenly Father by connecting with our community, through service. Simply visit the JustServe website and select the service opportunity that brings cheer to your heart! New friends and great experiences await you!

Visit JustServe.org and either look at the "Projects" tab, or the "Organizations" tab (within your chosen radius of your zip code). Either way has avenues to find something you might like!

Topic L: Addiction Recovery Group Weekly Meetings

Family Services sponsors the Addiction Recovery Program (ARP). This program is an adaptation of the well-known Alcoholics Anonymous 12-Step program. Our stake sponsors both a combined in-person / virtual men's meeting in the High Council Room at the Centreville Stake Center on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (directional signs will be posted) as well as a virtual family support meeting at the same time.

Please see the following church website to search for and find information pertaining to virtual or in-person meetings in our area: [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints : Recovery](#). Adults who wish to attend ARP meetings can do so on their own; they do not need to be sponsored or referred by their ward or stake leaders. Confidentiality and anonymity are held sacrosanct. Attendance is not taken. Stake, ward, and Family Services do not receive reports on who attends.

Topic M: Scheduling Interviews with the Stake Presidency

To schedule a stake temple recommend or ecclesiastical endorsement interview, please contact Brother Norris Hillery by email at norris.hillery@verizon.net or by text at 703-470-1240. If Brother Hillery is unavailable, please contact Brother Jonathan Emord at jemord@emord.com or by texting him at 703-203-5645.

After your interview with a member of the stake presidency, please request that a member of your bishopric print your new recommend. He will request that you sign the recommend in his presence. The printed recommend will bear the electronic signature of the member of the bishopric and the stake presidency who conducted your interviews. After signing your recommend, no further action is required.

Current recommends are not deactivated until after the Stake Presidency Interview. If an old active recommend is still useable, the Stake Presidency can wait to activate the new recommend.