

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 6:30 p.m.; last ordinance sessions beginning at 8:45 p.m.
 - **There are no morning or midday ordinance sessions.**
- Thursdays and Fridays:
 - **Every Thursday and Friday, endowment sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 8:45 p.m.**
 - **Saturday endowment sessions begin at 6:30 a.m. and end at 3:45 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.
 - **Spanish Sessions on Saturdays:** 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
 - **Monday and Sunday the Temple is closed.**

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: Stake Conference, Nov. 22-23 (NEW)

The Centreville Virginia Stake Conference will be held on Saturday, November 22, and Sunday, November 23, 2025. All members of the Stake are cordially invited to receive inspiration and guidance from stake leaders. All are urged to prayerfully prepare for Stake Conference and hold family councils to discuss challenges and potential solutions through reliance on the words of living prophets and the scriptures. See the attached invitation from the Stake Presidency to all members.

Please attend the sessions applicable to you:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

--**Stake Leadership Session**, 3:30PM to 5:30PM (the Stake Presidency; Relief Society Presidencies and Secretaries; Young Women Presidencies and Secretaries; Primary Presidencies and Secretaries; Stake Patriarch and Scribe; Stake Council Members (including Counselors and Secretaries in Organization Presidencies); Ward and Branch Council Members (including Counselors and Secretaries in Organization Presidencies); Stake, Ward, and Branch Clerks (and Assistants); Stake, Ward, and Branch Executive Secretaries (and Assistants); Ward and Branch Mission Leaders (and Assistants); and Stake, Ward, and Branch Temple and Family History Leaders (and Assistants))

--**Adult Session**, 7:00PM to 8:45PM (Graduating Seniors and Friends; all Adult Members and Friends)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

--**General Session**, 10:00AM to Noon (All Members and Friends)

WHERE SHOULD YOU ATTEND? Because repairs will be underway to the cultural hall floor at the Stake Center, the Sunday **General Session** of Stake Conference will be broadcast to the Manassas and the Westfield Buildings. Please view the Sunday General Session from the building your ward attends, with the following exceptions:

--Members of the Chantilly Ward should attend at the Stake Center (14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, VA 20120)

--Members of the Clifton Ward should attend at the Manassas Building (8001 Barrett Drive, Manassas, VA 20109).

The **Leadership Session** and **Adult Session** will be in-person at the Stake Center for all attendees and not broadcast. Please arrive early to accommodate the extra time needed to park and walk to the building.

Please do not park on the streets in the surrounding neighborhood.

Topic B: Parking Passes Required for Festival of Lights, Dec. 4 to Jan. 1

(NEW)

The DC Temple has instituted a parking pass program for the Festival of Lights to ensure orderly parking management. Go to dctemplevisitorscenter.org to obtain a pass and for more information. A free timed parking pass is required for each car to park either at the adjacent Temple or Stake Center parking lots each day December 4 to January 1 beginning at 4PM through 8:45PM. Parking attendants at the entrance of each lot will admit cars to parking only upon display of a parking pass, either via smartphone or printed copy.

The Festival of Lights at the DC Temple will take place December 4, 2025 to January 1, 2026. Lights are on display each of those days beginning at 4:30PM and ending at 8:45PM. A marked path around the lights is available to guide visitors in viewing. Viewing all of the lights should take no more than 20 minutes. After viewing the lights, guests are invited to enter the Visitors Center to see an exhibit of nativities from around the world and beautifully decorated Christmas trees.

Topic C: Spanish Institute Classes Underway

The CES Seminaries and Institutes of Religion of the Church is sponsoring Institute classes for Spanish Young Single Adults aged 18-35 at the Annandale Stake Center, 3900 Howard Street, Annandale, VA 22003, every Tuesday from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm. The evening schedule consists of: Dinner at 7:30 pm; Institute at 8:00 pm; and an activity from 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm. All YSAs are invited. Questions? Contact Brother Seth J. King at 435-862-8615 or Hermano Mauricio De La Fuente at 571-428-6688.

Topic D: Basics of Reading Music with Elder Christopher Papenfuss, Nov. 9-Dec. 7

Crack the music code! Learn the basis of reading music in a fun and friendly way. This beginner class will help you understand notes, rhythms, and more—no experience required! Elder Christopher Papenfuss will help you learn the notes on the treble and bass clef; rhythm and time signatures; key signatures; and diction for singing. The classes will be every Sunday, November 9 to December 7, inclusive, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Centreville Stake Center Institute Room, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, Virginia. See the attached flyer.

Topic E: Keeping Children Safe Fireside for Adults, Nov. 9

In two sessions, one in English at 6:30PM to 7:30PM (with Chinese translation) and the second in Spanish at 8:00PM to 9:00PM, the Centreville Stake will present a fireside on keeping children safe on Sunday, November 9, at the Centreville Stake Center, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, VA 20120. The Stake Presidency invites adult members of all wards and branches and their friends to attend the fireside, entitled “Keeping Children & Youth Safe.” The fireside will discuss how to protect youth and children from exploitation and potential abuses in today’s online environment. Two local law enforcement detectives, specializing in protecting youth and children, will lead the conversation. One is a member of our church and one is a friend of the church. The Stake Presidency invites all adults and their friends in the community to attend. Time will be allotted to answer questions.

Topic F: Come Unto Christ Devotional, Nov. 9

The DC South Mission will host a “Come Unto Christ” devotional at the Oakton Stake Center, 2719 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, Virginia 22124, on November 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm. All are invited. This is a great opportunity for members to bring their non-member friends. The devotional will feature new members of the church who hail from all corners of the globe and will inspire those in attendance with their testimonies of Jesus Christ and the restored gospel. There will be language translation available.

Topic G: Call for Choir Volunteers for Stake Conference, Nov. 23 **(NEW)**

All singers, ages 11 and older, are invited to participate in the choir for Stake Conference on Sunday, November 23, 2025. There will be one rehearsal on Sunday, November 23, just prior to the general session of Stake Conference. Choir members must be able to stay seated in the choir seats throughout the session. To reserve a seat and to receive advanced copies of the 3 pieces of choral music scheduled for the conference, please contact Stake Music Coordinator Cindy Abernathy at cjaneabernathy@gmail.com. Participants will enjoy a fulfilling and sacred experience.

Topic H: Participate in the Stake Christmas Concert, Dec. 14 **(UPDATED)**

Become a part of the joy! Rehearsals for the 2025 Stake Christmas Concert are held Sundays, 5:30-6:30PM at the Centreville Stake Center, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, VA 20120, for the Adult Choir, Children/Youth Choir, and Chamber Ensemble.

We are looking for more singers and musicians! If you would like to perform a solo, small group number, or narration, please contact Alice Quan by email, phone, or through this link:



Sign up here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qAnpJKFCvYd1r9vIUR0Aoo-zsh3m2PDOR27OZ2UZ4IE/edit>

Please contact Alice Quan quanfamily@gmail.com, with your questions/ideas/suggestions. Help make this season bright with music and the spirit of Christmas. Christmas Concert flyer attached.

Topic I: Washington DC Temple Choir Christmas Concerts (NEW)

The Washington DC Temple Choir will be performing its Christmas concerts at the Oakton Virginia Stake Center, 2719 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, VA 22124, on December 14, 2025, and at the Washington DC Temple Visitors' Center as part of the Festival of Lights celebration on December 13. Attached please find flyers in English and Spanish.

Topic J: Employment Help Is Available

If you are seeking employment there are resources available through the church website that can help you find a job. This can include working with an employment coach/counselor at the new church employment center in Arlington.

To learn about the services that are available, go to the church website ([Homepage - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#)) and do the following.

1. Click on "Libraries" at the top of the home page.
2. Click on "Life Help"
3. Click on "Employment"
4. Click on "Help for Job Seekers"
5. Click on "Get Personalized Help". When the screen comes up, there will be a form for you to complete that will be forwarded to the Arlington Employment Center Directors, Elder and Sister Leslie, who will assign it to one of the employment coach/counselors, who will get in touch with you.

If you have additional questions please contact stake high counselor Phil Hargis at email: phil_hargis@yahoo.com. Cell: 571-422-8968.

Topic K: Employment Center Coach/Counselor Volunteer Opportunity

A new church employment center recently opened in Arlington at the church resource center building (address: 727 23rd Street South, Arlington, VA 22202). Employment coaches/counselors are needed to assist those in the church, and possibly the community, who are seeking employment. Days and times spent in service are flexible, and service can be virtual or at the employment center. Full training will be provided. To learn more about this opportunity please contact Elder and Sister Leslie who are the Center Managers. They can be reached at the following: Elder Ted Leslie (303-570-7265) and Sister Lauri Leslie (303-570-1979) (sisterLLeslie@churchofjesuschrist.org). You may also learn about the services by going to the church website: [Homepage - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) and doing the following:

1. Click on “Libraries” at the top of the home page.
2. Click on “Life Help”
3. Click on “Employment”

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact stake high counselor, Phil Hargis: phil_hargis@yahoo.com, 571-422-8968.

Topic L: 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 M: 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;
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 N: 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	

Topic O: JustServe Corner –St. Thomas Food Pantry and More

St. Thomas Food Pantry. 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](https://www.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 P: 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](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/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 Q: 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.