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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.

Spanish-Speaking Temple Days: **The temple presidency, in consultation with area authorities, has decided to hold additional Spanish-Speaking Temple Days on Saturday, November 9, 2024. Please invite and encourage all Spanish-speaking members to save these dates. As always, we invite patrons to make appointments online for the ordinance sessions they desire to attend. Appointments assist the temple in planning – so we can have sufficient Spanish-speaking ordinance workers in place to serve patrons without delay. Still, as before, those without appointments will be welcomed and accommodated if space is available.**

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.

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: Digital Senior Missionary Fireside Invitation, Nov. 2

All members 26 years old and up are invited to become Senior missionaries or Senior Service missionaries. Ward leaders will be extending personal invitations to all eligible to serve a Senior Service or Senior mission. To learn more, attend a Special Senior Missionary Fireside, “The Lord’s Errand” on Saturday, November 2, at 7PM to 8PM at the Washington DC Temple Visitor’s Center. This is for all current, future, and possible missionaries who are 26 years and older. Spanish translations will be provided. See the attached flier.

Topic B: Stake Youth Committee Kickoff Dinner, Oct. 13

The Youth Committee Kickoff Dinner will be held for the new Stake Youth Committee members on Sunday, October 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Wilhelm residence. All new members and advisors will be introduced, stake youth committee roles and responsibilities will be discussed, and planning will begin for stake youth activities for 2025. See attachment.

Topic C: Stake Youth (12 and Older) Service Project, Saturday, Oct. 19

All Stake Youth aged 12 and older are invited to participate in a service project on October 19 at the Harris Family Cemetery in Bull Run Park. Please meet at the Atlantis Water Park parking lot and pavilion, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville, VA 20121, at 9 a.m. The project is from 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Bring work gloves and if you have a shovel, loppers or rake (marked with your name on them) and dress for cooler weather. Food will be provided after the event for youth and their parents. For more information, contact Brother Adam Bishop, adam.r.bishop@gmail.com. See attachment.

Topic D: Give ‘em Heaven YSA Fireside, Oct. 27 (NEW)

All Young Single Adults (18-35) *and their friends* are invited to attend an engaging fireside with Brother Seth King, CES Regional Coordinator and current Centreville Institute Instructor, entitled “Give ‘em Heaven” on Sunday, October 27, at 6:30 pm in the Relief Society Room at the Centreville Stake Center, 14150 Upperridge Drive, Centreville, VA 20121. If you haven't heard Brother King speak before, this will be a real treat! Refreshments following. See the attached flier.

Topic E: Service Missionary Opportunity, BYU-Pathway Online Institute

Do you enjoy teaching the Gospel and helping people along the Covenant Path? An exciting new service missionary opportunity is available for individuals 26 years and older to teach BYU-Pathway Online Institute classes. Online Institute provides learning experiences that are Christ-centered, scripture-based, learner-focused, and Spirit-directed that can help students deepen their conversion to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. You will teach from the standard works, words of the living prophets and correlated Institute curriculum. Serving as an online service missionary is a rewarding experience that includes connecting with learners online throughout the week in Canvas and in a weekly Zoom gathering. Teaching these online Institute courses is an incredibly rewarding experience. Teaching consists of interacting with students online and gathering virtually with them once a week for 45 minutes. Online Institute Missionaries spend on average about 5-8 hours each week in this assignment.

Interested individuals can learn more about this opportunity and apply directly online at the links below:

- **Learn more about this opportunity by reviewing this interactive FAQ PDF: [Online Institute Service Missionary Overview](#)** (includes contact details to schedule a meeting with an Online Director if you still have questions).
 - **Read more about this opportunity: [Click Here.](#)**
 - **Apply for this opportunity: [Click Here.](#)**
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Topic F: Stake Temple Day, Oct. 12

Please join stake and ward/branch members on October 12 for the Stake Temple Day at the Washington, DC Temple. Participate in the various ordinances. Fellowship and worship with brothers and sisters from across the Stake.

- Go to churchofjesuschrist.org to make reservations.
- Go to familysearch.org / Temple / Ordinances Ready to obtain family names to complete ordinances for people in your family tree. If you need help call 866-404-1830
- Coordinate with your Ward Temple Family History Leader to share or receive names with your ward members.
- If you need help with FamilySearch or making a reservation, please contact your Ward Temple & Family History Leader.

You can also receive help at our Stake Family Search Center, Centerville Stake Center, Tues, Wed, Thru, Sat 9:30 am to 2:00 pm Tue, Wed, Thur 7:00 pm. Family Search Center phone 703-830-5343.

Topic G: Primary Leadership Training, Oct. 19

The annual Primary Leadership Training will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 10 am to Noon at the Stake Center in the Primary Room. All ward Primary Presidency Members and ward Primary Music Leaders are encouraged to attend. A light continental brunch will be provided.

Topic H: Joseph Smith Lecture, Oct. 19

The UVA Mormon Studies program is hosting its annual Joseph Smith Lecture on October 19 (Saturday) in Rosslyn. It is an early evening event and will feature a presentation on the Church in Africa by the new Richard Lyman Bushman Chair of Mormon Studies, Laurie Maffley-Kipp. In addition, there will be two opportunities to meet the speaker and to socialize with each other: a short meet-and-greet prior to the talk and a dessert bar afterwards. The link in the invite has information on metro and parking access. Please share these fliers with your stakes and wards. See the attached flier.

Topic I: FamilySearch 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 JayFord, 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 J: JustServe Corner – St. Thomas Food Pantry and More (UPDATED)

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, October - December. 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 K: 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 L: 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.