

# DAILY TIDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

DAY 1

## Daily Theme: Hearken, O Ye People



**GREETINGS AND WELCOME** to the 2023 Restoration Branch Family Reunion and Conference of Restoration Elders.

Conference of Restoration Elders (CRE) invite all restoration branch saints and priesthood to participate in the **2023 Conference of Restoration Elders**. The week will provide opportunity for worship, classes, and fellowship for all, as well as the Priesthood to meet in conference.

We invite the saints, in all parts of the church—Africa, Australia, Europe, North America, Mesa America, Philippines, and Southeast Asia—to pray for the Lord’s blessing on the reunion/conference, the conference leadership, and asking for the Lord’s direction on what leadership is needed to challenge our status quo and support the unifying of the restoration branches.

### THE BUDGET

If you will be donating by check, please make the check-out to: Conference of Restoration Elders OR CRE.



Budget for Conference ..... \$ 11,400



**SANCTUARY:** A consecrated place. Please maintain a sense of quiet and reverence when in the sanctuary. Also, NO food or drink in the sanctuary, except for bottled water.

### ELECTRONIC “GADGETS”:

Please set your phones on silent or off when in the building. Take and make calls outside the building.



**MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD:** You must register and be certified in order to have voice and vote in the Elder’s sessions. The first Elder’s session is **Wednesday through Saturday** from 8:45 a.m. – noon in the sanctuary. Pick up your name badge and



Conference Notebook at the registration table. A \$10.00 donation is helpful to cover the cost of the notebooks.

### LAYING ON OF HANDS; ADMINISTRATION:

If you need this ordinance, contact Elder Larry Cottrill or any Elder.



### SCHEDULES AND BUILDING FLOOR PLAN:

These items will be posted at the foyer desk, registration table, Sorensen Room (cafeteria, located downstairs), by the school office and restrooms. Copies of each are available at the foyer desk.



**NAME BADGES:** When it is necessary for you to leave the reunion / conference, please leave your name badge (the plastic part with next band) at the registration table or in a box on the foyer desk. You may take your name insert with you.



**RESTROOMS:** Restrooms are located at the NE corner behind the sanctuary, and in the Sorensen Room (cafeteria, downstairs).



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**REGISTRATION:** Please register at the table in the gym. This helps us have a count for classes, meals and for the reunion. NO cost to register. Registration begins Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Anyone wishing to participate in the Elder's Conference, (i.e. to Register, Zoom Links, Copies of the Books, Aaronic Quorum and Classes, Women's Classes, Livestream, etc.) please go to: [eldersconference.org/cre2023](http://eldersconference.org/cre2023) From there, you can be redirected to where you wish to go.

Elders participating in Conference Virtually, **MUST register.** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



**Aaronic Quorum & Classes:** Aaronic Priesthood participating in the Conference virtually or would like to view the classes, please use the following link:



**FIRST AID, ETC.:** Check at the Foyer Desk or Registration Table if you have first aid needs. We will not have a nurse "on duty" but some may be available.



**TESTIMONIES FOR TIDINGS OF ZION:** Write your testimonies for Tidings and send them to Christy Schrunk at: [centerplacetidingsofzion@gmail.com](mailto:centerplacetidingsofzion@gmail.com)



**LOST AND FOUND:** Lost and found items can be turned in at the foyer desk. Please be sure that your items are marked with your name so that they can be returned to the rightful owner.



**DISPLAYS:** Various displays are set up in the gym. Take time to visit each display to see what is offered. Displays will be open beginning Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Displays will be removed by Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



**WATER BOTTLE FOUNTAIN:** The water fountain has been replaced by a water bottle fountain station. Feel free to bring your own water bottles for refilling. There will be cups by the station in case you do not have your own bottles.



**BUILDING CLOSURE:** The building will be closed at 10:00 p.m. nightly. Please complete all your business by that time, so reunion staff can close up and get home shortly thereafter.



**Just a thought...** If you saw the size blessing coming, you would understand the magnitude of the battle you are fighting...

**REFRESHMENTS:** There will be refreshments, in the gym, following each evening service. Please stay for snacks and fellowship.



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**LUNCH** will be served in the Sorensen Room beginning Wednesday through Saturday beginning at 12:00 p.m. The cost of meals is by donation and goes to help meet the weekly budget.



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### Daily Menu

Wednesday .....	Taco Salad Bar
Thursday .....	Potato Bar
Friday .....	Chili / Soup
Saturday .....	Sandwiches
*Daily .....	Salad Bar
	Desserts
	Fruit

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My yawn stopped me in my tracks. I closed my eyes and sighed. The toddler was chirping away with his early morning chatter. Just like the birds, his eyes popped open when the sun peaked over the mountains. My body longed to stay in bed. The six-month-old baby had been up several times to eat during the night.

I poured my cup and shuffled to the table, putting the baby in his highchair. I went back to the kitchen to fix breakfast for my two young boys. My day had not started the way I had planned.

I sipped my cold coffee as we settled into the day. I looked at my desk in the living room. My Bible was sitting on the top of some papers. It was placed there the night before. I had all of the intentions in the world to get up early and read it. But the unexpected waking's in the

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middle of the night caused me to hit my snooze over and over. There I was, knee-deep in diapers, tantrums, and crumbs, without even a prayer whispered to God. I realized my heart just wasn't in it.

I wanted to want to read the Bible, but I was struggling to keep my head above water with two little children. Years later, and with three more kids added to the mix, there are days I still wake up late and don't read my Bible. There are days I just don't feel like reading. Even today, the motivation to read wasn't completely there. Our family is still hurting from a recent heartache, and I'm tired all of the time. Have you ever been through something hard and the want-to leaves?

Even though I know I *should* read my Bible, I often find my lack of motivation disheartening. How do we overcome our feelings? The Bible should be something we want to read - but what if we don't want to? Let's go through three reasons why we should read our Bibles and then four practical steps on how to be motivated.

### 3 Reasons Why We Should Read Our Bible

The first is because the Bible is our guide for life. We all say we want to hear from God, or know what God wants for our lives. In the Bible, we find what He is saying to us. God's promises and presence are found in the pages of Scripture. God is made alive when we read the Bible. We see Him work in the lives of the people who lived long ago. God tells us how to act and react to things in our lives. Pages and

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pages of His Word contain comfort and peace for us when life is hard. God's very words to us are found in the Bible. The Bible gives a light to our path.

The next reason we should read our Bible is that it keeps our minds centered on God and His truth. In a world filled with information, articles, podcasts, books, and television shows, we are constantly told things about life that just aren't Biblical. If we want to maintain a Biblical worldview, then we need to know what the Bible says. So often, Christians will say things like, "Follow your heart." Or "Just let go and let God." Both of those are not based on Bible principles or truths. In fact, the "follow your heart" phrase is anti-Biblical. To keep our minds sharp and in focus, we need to be saturated with what the Bible says.

The third reason to read our Bibles is that God longs to connect with us. More than anything, we see God's character revealed through the Bible. It isn't a story about you and me. The Bible is God's Word to show us God! There are promises and truths that reveal God's character, which draws us closer to God Himself. The more we read the Bible, the more we fall in love with the God of the Bible. He is love and justice. He is mercy and grace. God longs to reveal Himself to us, and He does so through the pages of the Bible.

#### 4 Ways to Stay Motivated to Read the Bible

How do we stay motivated to read God's Word? These are not steps to take one at a time but shifts in our mindset. Reading the Bible is a habit, a discipline, that must be exercised. Just like an athlete needs to train to do the hard work, we need to train our minds to think the right things about Bible reading.

#### 1. Don't Read Based on Your Feelings

Feelings are not truth-tellers. Feeling motivated might never come. If you wait until you feel like reading your Bible, you may never read. Reading the Bible is a choice we make based on the truth we understand with our minds. Let's get rid of the feelings and move past the lack of desire. Tell your heart that this is the right thing to do and push aside the feelings. Maybe you don't feel qualified to read, or you struggle to understand. Don't let those feelings keep you from reading.

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#### 2. Don't Expect to Understand Everything the First Time

Many people give up Bible reading because they come to a place in the Bible that is hard to understand. Then they stop reading altogether. Don't stop there! There are lots of options you can take when you come to a place you don't understand. First, you can skip it and keep reading. Or you can stop and research that section of the Bible. BibleStudyTools.com is a great website to find all kinds of free resources for understanding the Bible. I also have a course called "Let's Read the Bible" that helps you understand the Bible - one book at a time! Just because you are stuck in a particular passage, don't give up. Work through it.

#### 3. Don't Stop When You Miss a Day

Bible reading isn't about a checklist, although having a Bible Reading Plan is a great idea! Bible reading is about connecting with God. If you are wondering where to start, here is one you can start with. Don't worry if you missed a day (or two or ten!); God is not disappointed. The best part of Bible reading is you can start again today. Even if you've not read for a week, a month, or a year, you can start again. Today is a new day.

#### 4. Don't Wait for the Perfect Time

If you wait for literal quiet to spend it with God, you might never find it. With five kids, ages 14-7, I rarely have a quiet moment. Don't wait until you lay your head on the pillow each night, wishing you had more time. The reality is that no matter how much time you really have, you will spend it doing what you have made a priority in your life. So, make Him a priority. Make Bible reading a priority. This guide will help you plan your Bible reading, prayer, and quiet time.

Whether you've read your Bible for years or are just getting started, I want to leave you with this last truth: I'm not saying that just reading the Bible and studying automatically brings us the feelings we want to have, but it does change our mindset. It can help move our feelings into the right place.

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2023 Conference of Restoration Elders Schedule				
<i>Walking Not As Men</i>				
March 29 – April 1, 2023				
Daily Themes	<i>Hearken, O Ye People</i> DC 1:1a	<i>Walking on the Road to Emmaus (Listen)</i> Luke 24:12-31	<i>Walking Circumspectly</i> Mosiah 11:147	<i>Walking in All Diligence</i> Mosiah 11:148
Time	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Registration and information desk will be open daily from 8:00am to 6:30pm				
7:30 – 8:30 am	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Marlin Guin	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding Bishop Joe Burkart	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Steve Bohall	All Priesthood Prayer Service Presiding High Priest Milo Farnham
8:45 – 10:15	Elders Conference General Session <b>Agenda Items:</b> - Organize Conference - Approve Agenda - Council Reports - Missionary Reports - Discuss meeting access & format for the week - Organize Quorums & meetings	Quorum Meetings	Quorum Meetings	Priesthood Education Presentation & Discussion (1 hr.) ~~~~~ Quorum Meetings
10:30	Quorum Meetings	Elders Conference General Session <b>Agenda Items:</b> - Introduction of New Business - Financial Report - Address New Business	Elders Conference General Session <b>Agenda Items:</b> - Nominations for Officers & Leaders - Approval of FY2024 CRE Budget - New Business Continues	Elders Conference General Session <b>Agenda Items:</b> - Elections - New Business Continues
Noon	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)	Lunch (Available in the Sorenson Room)
1:30	<b>Classes</b> Women ..... Sylvia Powell Aaronic ..... John Ely Melchisedec ..... Doug Smith	<b>Classes</b> Women ..... Monica Rush Aaronic ... Chris Cunningham Melchisedec.. Benji Pedersen	<b>Classes</b> Women .. Marilyn Middleton Aaronic ..... Ron Gage Melchisedec ... Robert Gillam	<b>Classes</b> Women ..... Shari Mason Aaronic ..... Mark McCormick Melchisedec ..... Andrew King
3:15	<b>Priesthood Discussion</b> <i>Elder Jason Anderson</i>	<b>Priesthood Discussion</b> <i>Seventy Richard Neill</i>	<b>Priesthood Discussion</b> <i>Elder Vim Horn</i>	<b>Priesthood Discussion</b> <i>TBD</i>
5:00	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)	Dinner (on your own)
6:30	Song Service	Song Service	Song Service	Song Service
7:00	<b>Evening Worship</b> <i>Presiding: Elder Sean Telljohann</i> <i>Elder Steve Kropp</i>	<b>Evening Worship</b> <i>Presiding: Elder Dan Schwartz</i> <i>Priest Mark McCormick</i>	<b>Evening Worship</b> <i>Presiding: Elder John L. Mundy</i> <i>Elder Eric Odida</i>	<b>Evening Worship</b> <i>Presiding: Elder Larry Cottrill</i> <i>Elder Brian Mundy</i>
	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Women’s Council	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Colbern Road	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Waldo	Refreshments in the Gym Provided by: Living Hope

## Be Still, My Soul

Katherina A. von Schlegel

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side.  
 2. Be still, my soul; Thy God doth un-der-take  
 3. Be still, my soul! The hour is bas-sing on

Jean Sibelius

Bear pa-tient-ly the  
 To guide the fu-ture  
 When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain, Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide.  
 as He has the past, Thy hope, Thy con-fi-dence let not-thing shake;  
 ev-er with the Lord, When dis-rupt-ions, grief, and fear are gone,

In-ev-ry change He faith-ful will re-main Be still, my soul; Thy  
 All now any-be-rious shall be bright at last, Be still, my soul; the  
 Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored, Be still, my soul; when

best, Thy heav-en-ly Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.  
 waves and winds still know His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt be-low  
 change and tears are past, All safe and bleis-ed we shall meet at last.

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Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation. Psalm 62:1 (NKJV)

**L**ittle is known about Katharina von Schlegel, the German author of this poem. Her words, joined with the haunting strains of "Finlandia" by Sibelius, have made this a classic hymn. It was widely sung during World War II when it comforted an entire nation. Virgil J. Bachman of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Port Huron, Michigan, is a good example. Writing in his church newsletter, he said:

"I had probably sung 'Be Still, My Soul' many times before, but it was not until I sang it in a small sacro church in a tiny village in France during World War II that [it] became part of my life.

"The war in Europe was going badly. The news from the front was discouraging. We had suffered reverses. We were edgy, confused, and discouraged. It was at this crucial time that some Chaplain arranged a service in this quaint church somewhere in France. It seemed the roof of that little village church actually opened up as we wept, dirty, GIs bleated our voices under the leadership of that Chaplain and the church's old pump organ.

"Halfway through the service it happened. Softly the organ began and we sang. 'Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side.' How badly it was needed. It was as though the Lord was speaking to me in a very personal way. 'Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain'—the cross of war with its hardships, misery, separation and pain.

"As we began the second stanza, 'Be still my soul, Thy God doth undertake to guide the future as he hath the past,' God seemed to whisper, 'Don't give up, I'm still in command, yes, even here. I'll guide the future as I have the past.'

"The thoughts of dead and missing friends came as through a choked-up throat I sang, 'Be still my soul, though dearest friends depart. . . . Soothing, personal assurance [came] at that moment and in that spot. With renewed spirit I was able to sing the final stanza, 'Be still my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.'

"Peace! Either here or in eternity.

"As we left that little church, the peace I felt among the horrors of war was nothing but a gift of the Holy Spirit. God did spare me and allow me to return to my loved ones and His service and still preserves me."