

DAILY TIDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

DAY 3

**Daily Theme: Willing to Make Changes to
Come Into God's Presence
~ Alma 3:25 & 48 ~**

25 And behold, he preached the word unto your fathers, and a mighty change was also wrought in their hearts; and they humbled themselves and put their trust in the true and living God.

48 Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble—

CONFERENCE FINANCIAL GOAL: Thank you for your generosity! If you will be donating by check, please make the check out to: Conference of Restoration Elders OR CRE. The financial goal of the conference is: \$ 16,800.00

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**LAYING ON OF HANDS;
ADMINISTRATION:**

If you need this ordinance, contact any Elder or specifically Elder Doug Smith who is the Conference Pastor.

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.

SEATING: Please fill in the seats in the main section *BEFORE* filling in the seating on the sides of the sanctuary.



MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD:



You must register and be credentialed in order to have a voice and vote in the Elder's sessions. The first Elder's Quorum session is Monday, March 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Please check the schedule

in the conference notebooks (Section 1, Page 4 & 5) as well as at the Registration desk for times and locations for all meetings. Pick up your name badge and conference notebook at the registration table in the gym. A \$15.00 donation is helpful to cover the cost of the notebooks.

LEARNING & OUR RESPONSE:

Is a class that "everyone of all ages" (priesthood, non-priesthood, women and children) are invited to attend. *This session is from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. every weekday.*



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REGISTRATION: Please register at the table in the foyer if you haven't already done so on-line. This helps us have a count for presentations, classes, and for meals. There is NO cost to register (however if you would like to purchase a binder with all the pertinent information, the cost is \$15). Registration on weekdays is from Monday, March 24th – Friday, March 28th; 8:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and then after the evening service.



Conference Registration: To register on-line directly, use this link:
<http://eldersconference.org>

Once you have registered you will then receive a link to access on-line.

- ♦ Access the website
- ♦ Register On-Line
- ♦ Conference Schedule
- ♦ Waldo Church Map
- ♦ Elders Quorum Mtgs.
- ♦ Aaronic Quorum Mtgs.
- ♦ Members Quorum Mtgs.
- ♦ Public Zoom Mtgs.
- ♦ Conference Notebook
- ♦ Digital Handouts & Resources



CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice will be daily at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

FIRST AID, & AED DEFIBRILLATOR:

Check at the Registration Desk in the gymnasium if you have first aid needs. We will not have a nurse "on duty" but some may be available. A



portable AED Defibrillator is also located in the southwest corn of the gymnasium as well. Point of contact for these items is

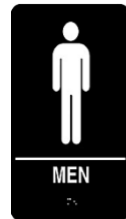
Janet Dickson at the registration table. You can call or text her at (940) 783-7987.



TESTIMONIES FOR TIDINGS OF ZION:

Write your testimonies for Tidings and send them to:

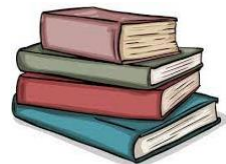
centerplacetidingsofzion@gmail.com



RESTROOMS:

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

Make sure you stop by the **Old Bookman** book tables in the gymnasium and pick up a few good reads!



NAME BADGES:



When you leave the conference and won't be returning, please leave your plastic name badge at the registration table.

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FREE WILL BREAKFAST & LUNCH: will be served in the Sorenson Room all week. Breakfast is from 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Tuesday's Menu

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Salsa, Sour Cream, Tater Tots, Ketchup, Cereal, Milk, Juice & Fruit

Lunch: Chicken & Rice, Garlic Bread, Soup, Salad & Fruit

Wednesday's Menu

Breakfast: Breakfast Casserole, Salsa, Ketchup, Cereal, Milk, Juice & Fruit

Lunch: Baked Potato Bar, Chicken Nuggets, Soup, Salad & Fruit

WATER BOTTLE FOUNTAIN: The water fountain has been replaced by a water bottle 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 OPEN & CLOSURE TIMES: 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.

DISPLAYS: Various displays are set up in the gymnasium. Please take time to visit them to see what is going on in and around the Center Place. Displays will be up all week and removed by Friday, March 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.



- ♦ ARM: African Restoration Ministries
- ♦ Aaronic Council
- ♦ Children's Books by: Beyrle Immer
- ♦ FSM: Freedom Stewardship Ministries
- ♦ GEM: Greater European Ministries
- ♦ Joseph Smith III & Israel A. Smith Home Historical Society
- ♦ Old Bookman: Paul & Dee Ludy
- ♦ Publications Council
- ♦ Restoration Hymn Society, Inc.
- ♦ Shear Jashub
- ♦ Women's Council

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



Just a thought... Sometimes when things are falling apart, they may actually be falling into place.



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.



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5 Ways to Keep the Next Generation in Church

October 15, 2018

By: Alvin Reid

Recently, I taught a class on missional student ministry with veteran next generation leader Jeff Lovingood from Long Hollow Baptist Church. It was a great class! Each student gave a brief report on a topic of interest. One student shared an article from the Barna group I found to be quite interesting.

Lots of information abounds on young people leaving the church. But not all leave; many stay, thrive and are impacting the world for Christ. Why do they stay? You can read the original article for yourself [here](#), but I want to note the main five points with a few observations. My thoughts are in *italics*.

- 1. Make room for meaningful relationships.** When comparing 20-somethings who remained active in their faith beyond high school and 20-somethings who dropped out of church, the Barna study uncovered a significant difference between the two. Those who stay were twice as likely to have a close personal friendship with an adult inside the church (59 percent of those who stayed report such a friendship versus 31 percent among those who are no longer active). The same pattern is evident among more international relationships such as mentoring—28 percent of Millennials who stay had an adult mentor at the church other than their pastor, compared to 11 percent of dropouts who say the same.

Notice “with an adult. ‘Titus 2’ relationships—older men with younger men, older women with younger women—must increasingly be a priority in student ministry.

- 2. Teach cultural discernment.** Active Millennial Christians are more than twice as likely to say they “learned about how Christians can positively contribute to society” compared to those who drop out (46 percent versus 20 percent). Actives are also nearly four times more likely to say they “better understand my purpose in life through church” (45 percent versus 12 percent).

We must take students out of the Christian subculture to develop skills and knowledge for interacting with the real world. Faith and culture increasingly matter to this generation.



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5 Ways to Keep the Next Generation in Church, *Cont'd.*

- 3. Make reverse mentoring a priority.** The next generation wants to be taken seriously today—not for some distant future leadership position. In their eyes, institutional church life is too hierarchical. Kinnaman says, “Effective ministry to Millennials means helping these young believers discover their own mission in the world, not merely asking them to wait their turn...”

I wrote a whole book on this called “As You Go” with a focus of helping students live and think missionally now, not when they are out of college. We must disciple students, but we can also learn from them.

- 4. Embrace the potency of vocational discipleship.** A fourth way churches can deepen their connection with the next generation is **to teach a more potent theology of vocation or calling.** Millennials who have remained active are **three times more likely than dropouts to say they learned to view their gifts and passions as part of God's calling (45 percent versus 17 percent).** They are **four times more likely to have learned at church “how the Bible applies to my field or career interests” (29 percent versus 7 percent).**

This is huge. Young people are four times more likely to stay if we help them see how the Bible relates to their career. We must do more to show how no matter one's vocation or location, they can be on mission for God.

- 5. Facilitate connection with Jesus.** Finally, more than a mere community club helping youth cross the threshold of adulthood, church communities can help Millennials generate a lasting faith by facilitating a **deeper sense of intimacy with God.** For example, Millennials who remain active are more likely than those who dropped out to say they believe Jesus speaks to them personally in a way that is real and relevant (68 percent versus 25 percent).

In the face of Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, churches who teach a gospel-driven perspective focusing on a personal, intimate, daily walk with God will keep students. Helping students own their faith, see faith lived out in the real world, and moving beyond a check-list Christianity to a lifestyle of following Jesus matters.

In other words, when a church lives out a vibrant faith that demonstrates to a younger generation how faith, culture and life can intersect in a way that brings glory to God and makes sense of life, she will see young people who want not only to stay in church but advance the gospel. I'm part of a church that seeks to do just that. I hope you are as well.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

JOSEPH SMITH III & ISRAEL A. SMITH HOME

The Joseph Smith III Historical Society is inviting people to join in helping to restore the Smith Home, keeping the maintenance of the Livingston Library in an archive, and gathering artifacts, journals, photos of church history to add to the archives. There are membership forms at the Joseph Smith III Historical exhibit. Come be a part of keeping our history for future generations.

Visit the exhibit in the gym and pick up a brochure, fill out the membership form inside and send it to Vaughn Cornish (110 SW 2nd St., Ste C, Lee's Summits, MO. 64063)



