

Binding Families Together Forever!

Let's discuss how the Mesa FamilySearch Library can help you and your Stake to accomplish this important goal?

Join the Excitement!

“It’s Not Your Father’s Oldsmobile Anymore!”

Today’s Family History is for:

- Families of all types
- Families of all ages
- Families with all ranges of knowledge and abilities

It’s Not Genealogy....

It’s Family History!!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oQPweb387w

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Can Bishops focus ALL of these diverse organizations toward the Temple?

- Do They Share A Common Ground??
- Do they have anything in common in spite of their differences in gospel maturity??
- Can the Mesa FSL help YOU and YOUR BISHOP's with this challenge?

A) All people have an innate desire to know of their heritage. They are pointed toward the Temple and might not even know it! We can help you get them there!

The Mesa FSL is your
“Swiss Army Knife”



to involve EVERYONE in Temple Work

- Visit us in person! ... but let's look what our website can do to “sharpen” your skills:

www.mesarfhc.org

Investigators & New Converts

- **People are inherently curious of their heritage.**
 - provides a tremendous way to introduce the Gospel
- **New converts can:**
 - research their deceased ancestors and find names to do baptisms
 - prepare names for the other saving ordinances to be done at the one year mark.
 - Get into the Temple!
- **Retention is dramatically improved when they enter the Temple soon after baptism!**
- **Goal:** Associate the new convert with the eternal saving ordinances of the Gospel ASAP to assure retention and future temple attendance.

Primary

- **Set up a Theme Day**
 - *“Find My Great Grandparents”* day
 - *“Families Can Be Together Forever”* day
 - *“Four Generation”* day
 - *“Do People Grow on Family Trees?”* day
- **Start at the Ward building**
 - proceed to the Mesa Regional Family History Center
 - end on the grass at the Temple grounds
 - emulate what their parents do when they do ordinance research and then Temple work
- **Encourage family follow-up with Mom and Dad**
- **Goal:** Assure the youth’s eyes and future are focused on the Temple and involve their parents and families!

YM/YW/SA/ YSA/ RM

- Schedule a tour of the Center to familiarize the youth and young adults with the following:
 - Indexing
 - Researching using Family Search, Ancestry.com etc
 - Personal Ancestral File creation and documentation
 - Retrieving family names for Baptisms and ordinance work for themselves or their parents.
 - Firesides on Family History
 - Use guest speakers available from Mesa RFHC.
 - **Goal:** Focus on the Temple and to make entry there a regular occurrence prior to marriage and before/after missions. Emphasize the blessings of eternal families.

Outgoing Missionaries

- **Missionaries reporting to the MTC:**
 - Must arrive with a 4-generation pedigree chart researched and completed
- **Goal:** Keep them close to the Church as they make final preparations to leave on their mission and to begin to invoke the spirit of Elijah in their lives. A great missionary tool in the field!

Elderly/HP/High Council/Outreach

- **Technology training**
 - thru Ward Consultants or from the Mesa FSL directly.
- **Pure research for family historical documents and journals**
- **Indexing gives them an important function and purpose.**
- **Utilize the Outreach programs**
 - retirement communities and groups as well as HP Group socials etc.
 - We have traveled as far as Yuma to present in the past. We welcome the opportunity to visit member and non-member groups!
- **Use the Mesa FSL auditorium or training classrooms for group research sharing.**
- **Ideally, the HC assigned to Family History should have no other responsibility.**
 - Assures the focus and accountability to get more people to the Temple.
- **Goal:** Give the more mature members a sense of purpose and allow them to directly contribute to the growth of Church and worldwide family history research. Drive higher levels of interaction and training between the HC and HP toward Temple related work.

Relief Society

- **Studies show:**
 - Housewives have 6 hours of free time each day
 - spend an average 47% of that time surfing the internet!
 - Maybe not in the Church, but we usually only lag by a few years.
- **Involve the Sisters in productive use of the Internet**
 - Indexing
 - pure family research. Turns names into people!
- **Time spent generates names and ordinance cards for both she and her husband.**
 - Combined names gets them both to the Temple!
- **Involved Sisters**
 - share this interest with their children
 - share this interest with neighbors (members or not!)
- **Goal:** Keep homebound Sisters close to the Gospel throughout the week and create more frequent reasons for her and her husband to go to the Temple

Ward Consultants

- Attend the PH leadership/consultant training classes
 - offered each week during the evening at the Mesa FSL
- Attend other classes as interest develops.
 - Offering over 80 classes each month (FREE!)
- **Goal:** Train the Ward Consultants to the level necessary to train any Ward member on how to best research their family history

Hispanics

- Everything on the Mesa FSL Website is available in Spanish
- We try to assure that Hispanic speaking missionaries are available on each shift to assist.
- We offer PH leadership classes each week in Spanish in the evening
- **Goal:** Assure that our Hispanic friends and neighbors have a place to come to that assures their success as they search for and provide saving ordinances for their loved ones.

“To Turn the Hearts”

- *“No work is more of a protection to this Church than temple work and the family history research that supports it. No work is more spiritually refining. No work we do gives us more power. No work requires a higher standard of righteousness”* President Boyd K. Packer
- *“Members who engage in this work are inspired to live gospel-centered lives and are more likely to participate in personal and family prayer, personal and family scripture study, and regular FHE. Typically, where the number of members participating in temple and family history is high, there is also higher participation in all other Church meetings.”*

Our Collective Efforts All Point Toward the Temple!!

We're ALL in this together!

- The Mesa FamilySearch Library can be your “Swiss Army Knife” to solve challenges in your Stakes, and can help you get more people to the Temple! We all win when that happens!!
- Allow **US** to assist **YOU** in refining this effort and in accomplishing these goals within your Stake.
- We hope you will call upon us to help your members enter the “The House of the Lord” often
- May the Lord bless you in this important eternal quest!

A photograph of a large, classical-style building with many columns, reflected in a pool of water. The text "Thank You!!" is overlaid in the center.

Thank You!!