

JOSEPH SMITH SR  
—AND—  
LUCY MACK SMITH  
FAMILY REUNION

*“Wherefore, my dear children, I pray, beseech, and adjure you by all the relations and dearness that hath ever been betwixt us and by the heartrending pangs of dying father whose soul hath been ever bound in the bundle of life with yours, that you know one another. Visit as you may each one another... if possible, once every year...or if you cannot meet, send to and hear from each other yearly and oftener if you can; and when you have neither father nor mother left be so many fathers and mothers to each other, so you shall understand the blessings mentioned in the [133 Psalm](#).”*

*— Asael Smith,  
Father of Joseph Smith, Sr.*

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## Helping Hands – It's What We Do

The reunion logo represents Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith's family tree. The leaves, shaped like hands and in seven colors, symbolize the seven children with posterity on the earth today. Listed in birth order – Hyrum, Joseph Jr., Samuel, William, Katharine, Don Carlos, and Lucy. All the hands represent us today.

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## Reunion Agenda

### Thursday, August 1

5:00 pm—6:30 pm ..... Pick up nametags and packets



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*Social Hall Avenue Meetinghouse, Third Floor Chapel  
Overflow in the Second Floor Chapel  
110 East Social Hall Avenue, Salt Lake City*

7:00 pm—8:30 pm ..... Greeting Meeting

Welcome ..... President Henry White  
*First Counselor in the Salt Lake Stake*

Opening Song ..... #2  
*“The Spirit of God”*

Invocation ..... Gracia Jones

Reunion History ..... Steve Lawrence Peterson

Greeting and Roll Call ..... Frances Orton

Reunion Projects ..... Steve Orton  
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Samuel Smith Family Report ..... Bob Smith

Joseph Smith Jr Family Report ..... Michael Kennedy

Nauvoo Smith Family Cemetery Report ..... Karl Anderson

Musical Number ..... Kimberly Jo Smith, Bryan Davis,  
Elizabeth Funk

*“Amazing Grace”*

Joseph Smith Daguerreotype Update ..... Daniel Larsen

Closing Song ..... # 1001  
*“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

Benediction ..... Rick Nelson

## Friday, August 2 Church History Museum



*Church History Museum  
45 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah*

Our family will divide into groups. Those who have the 10:00 am time slot at the Church History Library need to go in the first group to the exhibit.

**We are grateful for the work and help of the Church History Museum for opening one hour before the public for our private viewing.**

9:00 am—10:00 am .....Sacred History Exhibit  
*(Contains some recently acquired Smith Family artifacts)*

We will also see The Heavens Are Opened

9:00 am—10:00 am .....Gary & Elizabeth Smith  
*Discussing artifacts donated by his family to the museum.  
(Museum Basement Auditorium)*

### [Blood, Bullet article](#)

*Smith, E. Gary. "Blood, Bullets, Pistols, and Mobbers: A New Look at Solving a Carthage Jail Mystery." *Journal of Mormon History*, vol. 45, no. 4, 2019, pp. 1–37. JSTOR, <https://doi.org/10.5406/jmormhist.45.4.0001>. Accessed 17 July 2024.*

- Stay to the right when going up and down the stairs.
- Do not take photos during our private touring time (9:00 am – 10:00 am). Return to the museum throughout the day after 10:00 am to take photos.
- Use the Vevox app to ask questions about the presentations and the museum.
- When filling the rows, please start from the first row and fill in all the way to the first chair. We kindly ask you not to leave any open seats to ensure most everyone has a place to sit.
- No dawdling during the private touring time.
- Parts of the museum will be closed during our tour. The Gift shop does not open until after 10:00 am.

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself” is a quote attributed to Henry Ford. Some consider it a motivational quote that celebrates teamwork. Ford is also known for saying, “Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success”. However, some attribute this quote to American author, poet, and Unitarian minister Edward Everett Hale (1822–1909).

**Church History Museum Group Schedule:  
9:00 am to 10:00 am**

<b>Group 1</b>		
<b>Move Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:00 AM	Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Basement
9:20 AM	Sacred History	Upstairs
9:35 AM	The Heavens are Open	Main Floor

<b>Group 2</b>		
<b>Move Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:03 AM	Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Basement
9:22 AM	Sacred History	Upstairs
9:40 AM	The Heavens are Open	Main Floor

<b>Group 3</b>		
<b>Move Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:06 AM	The Heavens are Open	Main Floor
9:24 AM	Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Basement
9:40 AM	Sacred History	Upstairs

<b>Group 4</b>		
<b>Move Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:01 AM	Sacred History	Upstairs
9:14 AM	The Heavens are Open	Main Floor
9:46 AM	Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Basement

<b>Group 5</b>		
<b>Move Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:06 AM	Sacred History	Upstairs
9:20 AM	The Heavens are Open	Main Floor
9:48 AM	Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Basement

<b>Group 6</b>		
<b>Move Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:12 AM	The Heavens are Open	Main Floor
9:26 AM	Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Basement
9:42 AM	Sacred History	Upstairs

<b>Group 7</b>		
<b>Move Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:10 AM	The Heavens are Open	Main Floor
9:28 AM	Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Basement
9:45 AM	Sacred History	Upstairs

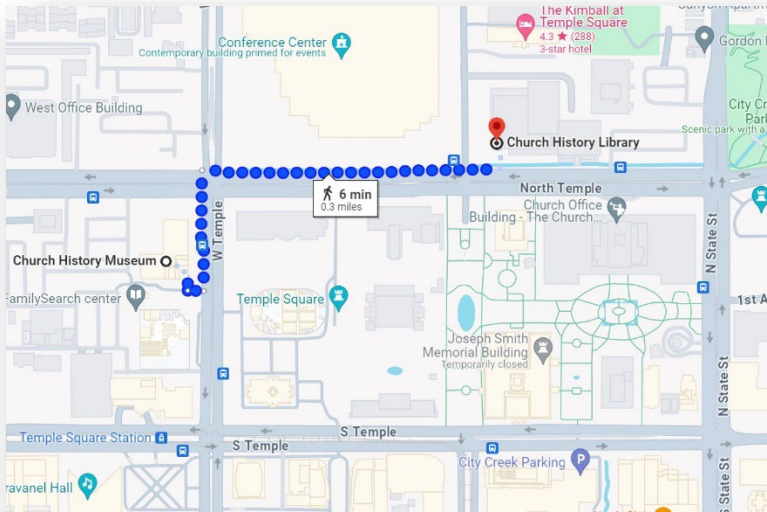
<b>Group 8</b>		
<b>Move Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:05 AM	Gary & Elizabeth Smith	Basement
9:24 AM	The Heavens are Open	Main Floor
9:48 AM	Sacred History	Upstairs

## Friday, August 2

### Church History Library

Pre-scheduled 30-minute tours to see selected Smith family documents and memorabilia.

It will take approximately 6 – 20 minutes to walk to the Church History Library from the Museum depending on mobility and the traffic lights.



Please arrive at the courtyard in front of the Church History Library 10 minutes prior to sign up time.

10:00 am—5:00 pm ..... for those who registered for tour spots



*Church History Library  
15 E North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah*

## Friday Night, August 2



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*Social Hall Avenue Meetinghouse, Third Floor Chapel*  
*Overflow in the Second Floor Chapel*  
*110 East Social Hall Avenue, Salt Lake City*

7:00 pm—8:30 pm ..... Program

Welcome ..... Steve & Frances Orton

Opening Song ..... #6  
*“Redeemer of Israel”*

Invocation ..... Mary Lou Little

Presentation ..... Daniel Adams  
*Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Scholarship Awards*

Musical Number ..... Kimberly Jo Smith, Bryan Davis,  
Elizabeth Funk  
*“Let Us Pray for One Another”*  
*Written by David Hyrum Smith*

Speaker Introductions ..... Craig Ballard  
*Joseph Smith Sr. Family Board Chairman*

Speaker ..... Brad Wilcox

Closing Song ..... # 1003  
*“It is Well with My Soul”*

Benediction ..... David Adams

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Link for: [Children’s Activity Book](#)

## Saturday, August 3

10:00 am ..... Sign Smith Hand Banner  
Speakers/Emcees ..... Steve Orton and Daniel Adams

Musical Number ..... Alex Boye  
*“American Prophet – Urban Musical”*

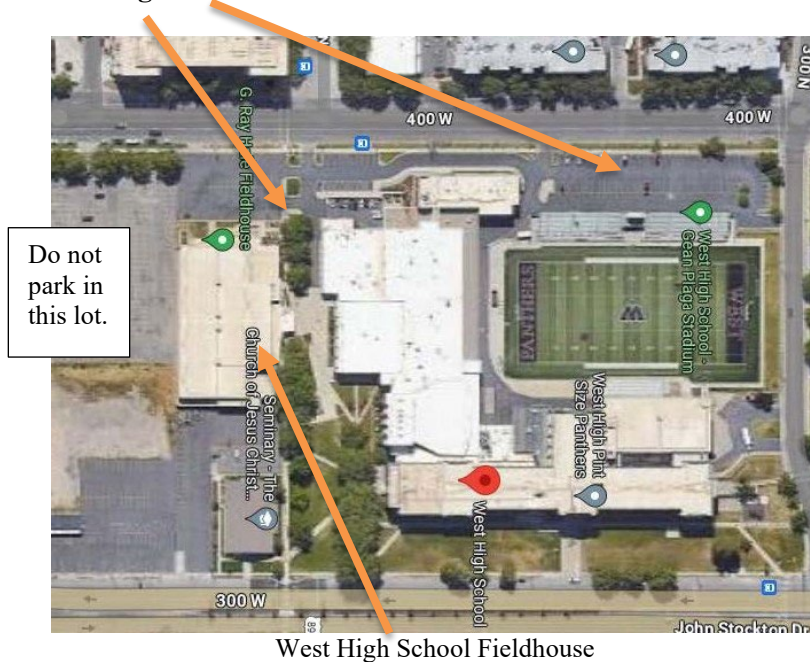
*West High School Fieldhouse Gymnasium*  
[241 North 300 West, Salt Lake City](#)

*Hosting the Youth Macaroni and Cheese Build:*  
*Michael Jr. & Meagan Kennedy*

*The Smith Family service project “Helping Hands—It’s What We Do” is raising awareness of food insecurity in Utah. Donations will go to the Utah Food Bank. We want to follow Joseph Smith’s counsel to “look to the poor and the needy, and administer to their relief...”*

11:30 am—Noon..... Service Project  
*Stand shoulder to shoulder, passing the boxes of macaroni and cheese from hand to hand until loaded on the Utah Food Bank truck.*

### Parking



### Family Photo

12:00 noon—1:00 pm ..... Traditional Family Photo on the bleachers

### Lunch

1:00 —3:30 pm ..... Family Lunch  
*Under the direction of the Samuel H. Smith Family*



# Sunday, August 4

## Music and the Spoken Word

9:00 am ..... Gather

Everyone 8 and older should meet by the fountain (currently without water) in the lobby of the Conference Center by 9:00 a.m. Two hosts will greet our group and take us to our seats. Be on time as we need to be seated well before Music and The Spoken Word begins.

Parents can take children under the age of 8 to the observation room at the back of the conference center's main floor to watch the broadcast with them.

9:30 am ..... Music and The Spoken Word

Remain in your seats after the program.



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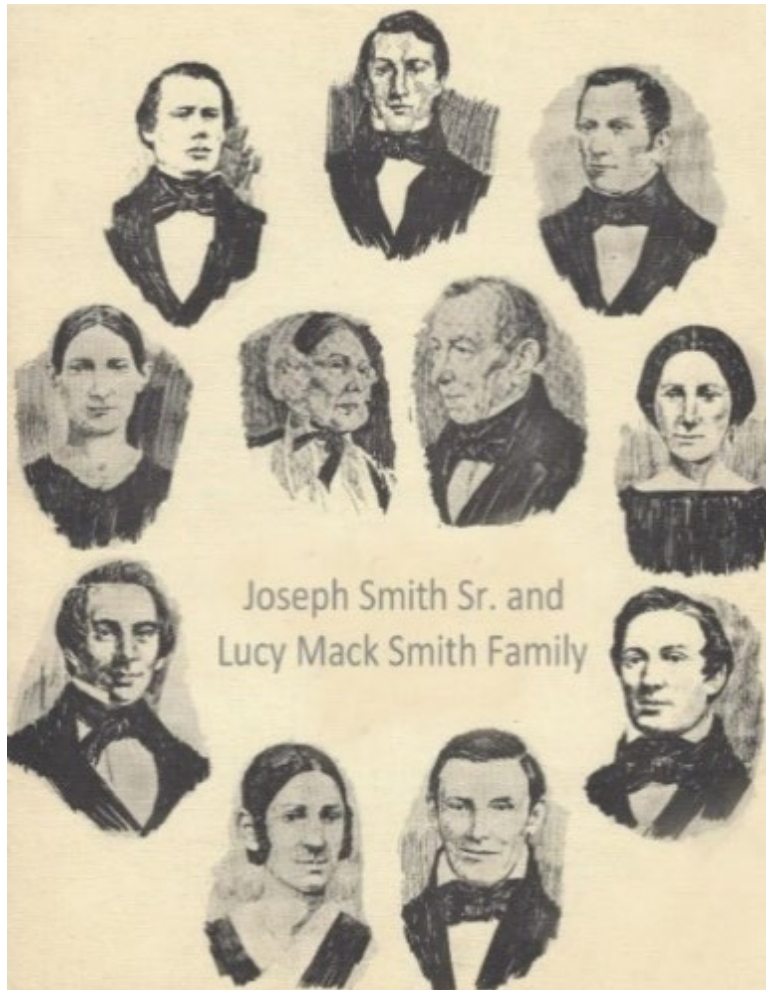
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### Reunion Committee:

Steven & Frances Orton ..... Joseph Smith Sr. Reunion Co-Presidents  
 Karl Anderson ..... Speaker, Support & Logistics  
 Dan & Kris Patrick ..... Registration, Nametags, Printing  
 Bryan & Charlene Davis ..... Video Recording  
 Kimberly Jo Smith ..... Music  
 Mariana Allan ..... Tree Logo & Banner Design  
 Susan Lowe ..... T-shirts

### Remaining Committee Listed Alphabetically

Daniel Adams ..... Lunch help, Podcast Writer and Special Projects  
 David Adams ..... History and Educational Outreach  
 Craig Ballard ..... Smith Board Chairman  
 Matthew Ballard ..... Smith Board Member Legal Support  
 Matthew Benware ..... Martha Ann Smith Harris Data Steward  
 Andrea Black ..... Registration Help  
 Don Blanchard ..... Lovina Smith Walker Data Steward  
 David Denning ..... Joseph Jr. Ambassador  
 Joy Ercanbrack ..... Children's Book  
 Jared Glade ..... Website and Online Registration  
 Danielle Gleave ..... Newsletter Layout  
 Ivor & Gracia Jones ..... William & Lucy Data Stewards  
 Michael & Darcy Kennedy ..... Joseph Jr. & Emma Hale Historical Society  
 Michael Jr. & Meagan Kennedy ..... Joseph Jr. Ambassadors, Youth Reunion Activity  
 Julie Maddox ..... Newsletter Editor  
 Michael Nebeker ..... Fundraising  
 Courtney Nelson ..... Sarah Smith Griffin Data Steward  
 Debbie Nelson ..... Sarah Smith Griffin Data Steward  
 Rick Nelson ..... Special Projects  
 Lindsey Orton ..... Special Projects  
 Carol Quinn ..... Registration Help  
 Kathy Ruggiero ..... Registration Help  
 Bob Smith ..... Samuel Smith Projects, Food Arrangements



**Special Thanks To:**

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ..... Facilities
- Church History Library
- Church History Museum
- Brad Wilcox ..... Speaker
- Karl Anderson ..... Speaker
- Daniel Larsen ..... Speaker
- Alex Boyé ..... Saturday Music
- Steve Lawrence Peterson ..... Reunion History Report
- Shirley Cox ..... Reunion History Report
- Matthew C. Godfrey ..... Church History Library
- Brian Warburton ..... Church History Library
- Riley M. Lorimer ..... Church History Museum, Director
- Gary & Elizabeth Smith ..... Presentation about Joseph Smith Sr. Family Artifacts
- Utah Food Bank ..... Service Opportunity
- West High School ..... Rental and Logistics
- Samuel H. Smith Foundation:**
- Bob & Becky Smith Family ..... Food Planning and Production
- Doug & Linette Smith Family ..... Pig Lunch & Trailer
- Tim & Luanne Smith ..... Pig Lunch & Trailer
- Derek & Jonessa Goates ..... Pig Lunch & Trailer
- Boyd & Christine Nebeker ..... Pit Master
- Daniel Adams ..... Lunch and Food Help
- Debbie and Courtney Nelson ..... Lilac Thank You Recognition Gifts
- Kimberly Jo Smith and Bryan Davis ..... Musical Direction and Reunion Recording
- Lindsey Orton ..... Reunion Photographer
- Joe Ruggiero ..... Reunion Photographer
- Colleen Okeson ..... Pianist
- Ronda Thompson ..... Chorister

## Speaker Biographies



**Brad Wilcox** was sustained as the First Counselor in the Young Men General Presidency for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 1, 2023. Prior to his call, he had been serving as Second Counselor since April 2020.

He is currently a professor in BYU's Department of Ancient Scripture. He is the author of the book *The Continuous Atonement* and the BYU devotional address "His Grace Is Sufficient."



**Karl Ricks Anderson** is a Latter-day Saint historian whose specialty is the Kirtland period in the history of the Latter-day Saints. He has authored a number of books and articles. Karl has served for 30 years as Secretary and Executive Secretary of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation and the Family Association.



**Daniel M. Larsen** served as the Executive Director of the cemetery restoration project. He is a member of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Foundation and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association.



**Craig B. Ballard** serves as a member of the Young Men General Board. He is the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Board of Trustees Chair. He has also served as a bishop of a YSA ward, and President of the Oregon Portland Mission.



**Steve & Frances Orton** have served as Co-Presidents of the Joseph Smith Sr and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunions for the last 19 years. They have both served as Co-Chairs of the Family Association Committee since 2010.



**Bob Smith** is the Chairman of the ANS Legacy Foundation, DBA iDigNauvoo, President of the Samuel H. Smith Foundation. Bob is a retired employee of Brigham Young University, and now spends much of his retirement working on the iDigNauvoo and Camp Mary Bailey Smith projects.



**Daniel Adams** has served the Joseph Smith Sr and Lucy Mack Smith Family Association over the past decade as a spokesperson, and producer of the Smith Family podcasts and vlogs that detail the Smith family's amazing heritage and journeyings across the United States. He is a co-founder and science officer of a medical device company specializing in Parkinson's Disease.



**Michael Kennedy** has served as president of the Joseph Smith and Emma Hale Smith Historical Society since its beginning. The Joseph Smith and Emma Hale Smith Historical Society was founded in 2006.



Sharing their knowledge with the Smith Family Reunion in Nauvoo - 2022

**Gary & Elizabeth Smith** E. Gary Smith, third great-grandson of Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet, and his wife, Elizabeth Shaw Smith, will tell “behind the scenes” stories of Hyrum and Joseph in the fascinating early days of the Restoration and the martyrdom, using priceless family heirlooms and relics which have been handed down in Gary’s family. Included in these items were the box in which Joseph kept the Gold Plates for a time, the clothes and watch Hyrum was wearing when he was murdered, with bullet holes and Hyrum’s blood stains still visible, Hyrum’s Nauvoo Legion dress sword, and other relics.

Elizabeth is a graduate of BYU (B.A. and M.A. in English) and the University of Utah College of Law. She is a former Associate Editor of the ENSIGN magazine and scholarly books editor at BYU Press.



**Alex Boyé** is performing his musical "American Prophet" for the Smith Family.

American Prophet - The Urban Musical, tells the story 5 Black men -- a fiery preacher a barber, and 3 former slaves -- who all convert because of Joseph Smith's powerful witness of the restoration and first vision. Despite their many trials and tribulations, their testimonies never wavered; they died in Utah, with their testimonies still intact.



Bryan Davis and Kimberly Jo Smith  
2016 – Nauvoo Reunion

**The Smith Family** includes Kimberly Jo Smith and her son, Bryan Davis. Music has been in their family for generations. Deeply influenced by their Appalachian heritage, the Smiths have performed Bluegrass/gospel music that embraces family and the gospel throughout the United States since 2000. Their first CD, The Journey, tells the story of their ancestors, Joseph and Emma Smith.



**Steve Lawrence Peterson** has been serving a mission recording various histories. One of the histories he has been chronicling along with Sister Shirley Cox is the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Family Reunion History. He interviewed many Smith Family Members at our last reunion and over the past few years.

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“O God, let the residue of my  
father’s house...ever come up in  
remembrance before thee and stand  
virtuous and pure in thy presence, that  
thou mayest save them from the hand  
of the oppressor, and establish their feet  
upon the rock of ages, that they may  
have place in thy house and be saved in  
thy kingdom, even where God, and  
Christ is, and let all these things be as I  
have said,  
for Christ’s sake, Amen.”

*- Joseph Smith Jr.*

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