

Saturday Morning Session

Opening Hymn: (Hymn) - Hymn (#)

Conducting: President Henry B. Eyring, Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Hymn: (Hymn) - The Morning Breaks (1)

Invocation: (Christensen?)

Hymn: If I Listen With My Heart

Talk: President [Russell M. Nelson](#) - [President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints](#)

Opening Remarks

Major Themes: Organizational Adjustments to Help Faith

- We've come accustomed to thinking of church as something that happens in our meeting houses. It is time for home centered church.
- "The long-standing objective of the Church is to assist all members to increase their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and in His Atonement, to assist them in making and keeping their covenants with God, and to strengthen and seal their families."
- "For many years Church leaders have been working on an integrated curriculum to strengthen families and individuals through a home-centered and Church-supported plan to learn doctrine, strengthen faith, and foster greater personal worship."
- We are each responsible for our personal spiritual growth/knowledge
- Adjustments are to help people connect gospel instruction in home and the church

Talk: [Quentin L Cook](#) - [Quorum of the 12](#)

Deep and Lasting Conversion to Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Major Themes: Changing Everything; Home Centered; Church supported Gospel Teaching

- **Home centered; church supported** to ..., foster faith, greater personal worship
- Sunday meeting schedule adjusting starting January 2019
- 60 minute sacrament meeting; 10 minute transition; 50 min alternating classes (1/3 Sundays = Sunday school; 2/4 sundays RS/EQ; 5 sunday Bishop-led)
- "...the Council of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve..."
- Primary will be held during the same 50-minute period
- More than shortening the schedule...
- Desire to bring greater gospel joy to everyone through home centered balanced effort
- Deepening conversion, strengthening individuals and families through home centered curriculum; honoring sabbath; covenants
- New schedule allows more time to study gospel in the home, on Sunday or other nights.
- Home study will be significantly advanced through a new Come Follow Me resource that's coordinated with the Sunday lessons
- 2019 Sunday School curriculum will focus on the New Testament; RS/EQ will still focus on conference

talks; youth still focus on gospel topics

- Related core concerns: honoring sabbath and ordinance of the sacrament; strengthened EQ/RS focused on the purpose of the church (make and keep covenants); ministering in a holier way; temple ordinances
- Prior curriculum focused on church experience; home centered curriculum needs to influence more powerfully observance and behaviors
- Balance church and home experiences to foster faith, conversion and spirituality
- More gathering in groups outside of Sunday services for those who want. Can be after the 2-hour block or other time during the week.
- Recommend invitations from leaders to study topics covered each week
 - Announcements can be covered in this mid-week letter
- Second meeting only needs a closing prayer
- Goal to have more wards meet earlier in the day
- Goals: Strengthen sacrament, honor the sabbath day, have a deep and lasting conversion
- The Sabbath will be a delight
- Sunday can be a day of gospel learning, both in the church and at home
- *(Question: Does this mean the Gospel Principles class [for those learning about the Church, those returning to the Church, or Missionaries] will be replaced?)*
 - *I assume they'll still have separate adult SS classes*
- Progress from reading to studying the scriptures
- True conversion relies on the influence of the Holy Ghost

Talk: [M. Joseph Brough](#) - 2nd Counselor in [General Young Mens Presidency](#)

Lift Up Your Head and Rejoice

Major Themes: Facing struggles; Doing hard things; Forgiveness

- Sometimes we have to face hard things
- "I have given you leukemia that you can teach people"
- Two things to help us deal with hard things:
 - Forgiving others when they make your life hard
 - Give ourselves to Heavenly Father
- Story: Being called and receiving direction to call a man who had been an enemy to be a counselor.
- Forgiveness came as he followed the direction.
- Our reactions to these trials is what shapes us as a person.
- The Lord often sets up a team of rivals to do his work.
- Spirit whispered to his wife she will be okay
- We need to stop looking for excuses to give up or give in.
- "Men are that they might have joy"
- We can always rejoice when we keep the commandments
- Because of Christ, we too can overcome the world
- If we harbour feelings of hate in our heart, we will weaken our ability to hear the voice and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit.

Talk: [Steven R Bangerter](#) - (Seventy)

Laying the Foundation of a Great Work

Major Themes: Teaching children; family traditions

- We have a duty to awaken a passion in the principles of the gospel in our children
- Stones blessing of the priesthood
- Christ needs to be our foundation stone
- Lessons can be taught through traditions
- What are the small and simple things that will establish great things in our children's lives?
 - Responsibilities
 - Why we take the sacrament
 - Significance of being born in covenant
 - Receiving a patriarchal blessing
 - Reading scriptures
- Cuts we have as parents to teach why we take the sacrament
- D&C 64:33 Wherefore, be not weary in well-doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great.
- Many traditions are subtle but meaningful
- Our homes should be sanctuaries of faith
- Never leave our homes or end a phone call without saying "I love you"
- Hold regular interviews with individual children
- Consistent wholesome family traditions (prayer, scriptures, FHE, church) create cultures of love, respect, unity, and security that combat the wicked cultures of the world
- We must build our lives on the foundation of God (Hel 5:12)
- The man who returns to the gospel is good
- Teach candidly, lovingly
- Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- we can do hard things. Two principles that help:
 - 1) Forgive others
 - 2) Give ourselves to Heavenly Father
 - *I think you're on the wrong talk*
- We care for our children during family scripture reading
- Less important that the children get it, more important that parents are living diligently (?)
- We should not be timid in the teaching of our children.
- We should teach candidly and frequently.
- The things we talk of, the things we teach will determine what happens to us.
- Family traditions should not pull us away from the church, but should bring us closer to Christ.

Hymn: [High on the Mountain Top](#) - Hymn #5**Talk: [Ronald Rasband](#) - [Quorum of the 12](#)**

Be Not Troubled

Major Themes: Overcoming fear

- Lots of things to be afraid of and everyone is afraid of something
- Question from daughter: Is it safe and wise to bring children into this wicked world - Yes!
- Even if we don't have chariots chase away our fears, God will still be with us
- 2 Kings 6:13-18 tells of how Elisha prayed to the Lord open his servant's eyes when besieged by Syrians
- Scriptures repeatedly tell us to not fear
- How do we overcome fear?
 - Listen to the prophets
 - Love Christ
 - The Spirit
 - Look for ways God supported you
 - Stand in holy places
 - Be not troubled
 - Trust the Lord and his promises
- D&C 6:34 Therefore, fear not, little flock; do good; let earth and hell combine against you, for if ye are built upon my rock, they cannot prevail.
- 2 Kings 6:16 Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.
- When we allow our fears to overwhelm us, we lose the spirit. We can be crippled by our fears
- God's love counters all fears.
- Overcoming fears is aided by those on both sides of the veil. Don't rely just of prayers and angelic ministrations--seek help from those around you.
- Times are perilous but if we stay on the covenant path we need not fear
- Boling to the promise of Jesus Christ

Talk: David A. Bednar - Quorum of the 12

Gather Together in One All Things in Christ

Major Themes: Gathering together in one, all things in Christ, avoiding rote checklists

- Ropes are made from unexceptional materials bound together, to create extraordinary tools
- The holy ghost will enlighten each of us in our daily lives .
- The overarching purpose is to strengthen faith in God's plan, Christ, and Christ's atonement
- The lord will...
- The Sunday schedule wasn't just shortened, we have increased responsibilities as members to teach the Gospel.
- Don't get caught up in process, focus on the spiritual reasons these changes are being made
 - *I've already started thinking of meeting schedules...*
 - *I think of it like a A day and B day schedule*
- Don't have a Pharisaical focus on checklists...(not good)
 - Gospel checklists can limit our spiritual progression. The gospel isn't a waffle with a bunch of boxes. It's spaghetti, all woven together.
- The ability for God to bless us comes from applying principles and practices

- The Gospel is a tapestry of truth
- Example 1 - AoF #4.
- True faith is focused in and on the Savior Jesus Christ.
 - Trusting and placing our confidence in Him
- Repentance is trusting in and relying on Him
- Baptism is trusting in and relying on and following Him
- Receiving the Holy Ghost means trusting in relying on, following, and pressing forward in him with the assistance of His Holy Spirit
- *...so many icons... I love them! He is going to fit it all together.*
 - *He kept the graphic design department busy. Was Elder Andersen's puzzle pieces the first heavy use of animations? Maybe this will become a thing.*
- Example 2 - Church programs and initiatives
- ...not just a series of independent and discrete initiatives...
- They are the rope. Working together to make us strong, bringing us to Christ.

Hymn: (I Will Follow God's Plan) - Hymn (#)

Talk: [Dallin Oaks](#) - First Counselor in the First Presidency

Truth and the Plan

Major Themes: Sources of Truth, gender

- Scientific truth is not the whole of life.
- We limit ourselves to what can be proven by scientific means.
- Learning truth should combine spiritual and scientific pursuits
- Beware relying only upon "scientific" or "secular" methods.
- "When we seek the truth about religion, we should use spiritual methods appropriate for that search: prayer, the witness of the Holy Ghost, and study of the scriptures and the words of modern prophets."
- Some fundamental gospel truths
 - There is a loving God.
 - Gender is eternal
- To be meaningful there had to be opposition, conflicting forces of good and evil
 - *Satan was as essential to God's plan as Christ*
- The Plan has a perfect balance between justice and mercy
- The mission of the restored church is helping people qualify for exaltation
- *He's really hitting the gender thing*
 - *It a big topic in this day of life*
 - *Rates of LGBTQ have been consistent for a long time (An opinion of the world)--accepting that the rates have been consistent doesn't affect the doctrine, research can be accurate even if we don't like it.*
- 4. Marriage...
- This is a Family Centered church
- Mortal life is essential, so no abortion or euthanasia

- Having children is a sacred duty and we should strive for the happiness of all children
 - It is a key part of His plan.
- Opposition is inevitable
 - It is part of the plan.
- Satan is trying to attack what is most important to God's plan
- Hold fast to what we already know, not to what we don't know.
- Repentance: Don't part of the group that would change the world rather than change ourselves.
- Making and keeping covenants will open the door to every spiritual blessing
- Keep on the covenant path. Your commitment to follow your covenants. It will open the door to every spiritual blessing.
- *God bless us all! <3 AMEN!*

Hymn: [Come Come Ye Saints](#) - Hymn 30

Benediction: (Parea) - (Calling)

THOUGHTS:

- I was an EQP last conference and got released after conference. I now teach Gospel Doctrine and could again get released after conference because we have a lot of teachers. I wonder what auxiliary I'll take down next.
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TO-DOS:

- Study lessons during the week (Cook)
- Create family traditions that support children's faith. They can be simple (Bangerter)
- Focus more on the spiritual implications of the recent changes than the administrative implications (Bednar)
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Potential New Sunday Schedules

With overlapping wards

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5
9-930	Sacramento				
930-10	Sacramento				
10-1030	2nd Hour				
1030-11	2nd Hour	Sacramento			
11-1130		Sacramento			
1130-12		2nd Hour			
12-1230		2nd Hour	Sacramento		
1230-1			Sacramento		
1-130			2nd Hour		
130-2			2nd Hour	Sacramento	
2-230				Sacramento	
230-3				2nd Hour	
3-330				2nd Hour	Sacramento
330-4					Sacramento
4-430					2nd Hour
430-5					2nd Hour

Without overlapping wards

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3
9-930	Sacramento		
930-10	Sacramento		
10-1030	2nd Hour		
1030-11	2nd Hour		
11-1130			

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1130-12		Sacrament	
12-1230		Sacrament	
1230-1		2nd Hour	
1-130		2nd Hour	
130-2			
2-230			Sacrament
230-3			Sacrament
3-330			2nd Hour
330-4			2nd Hour

With touching wards

	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4
9-930	Sacrament			
930-10	Sacrament			
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230-3			2nd Hour	

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4-430				2nd Hour
430-5				2nd Hour