

ASHEVILLE WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

April 16-30, 2021

Roots and Wings

---Pam Goldschmidt

*"The Great Jehovah...knows the situation of both the living and the dead, and has made ample provision for their redemption."
(Joseph Smith, History of the Church, 4:597)*

10:00 am – A visit to the Orange County, California Family History Center two days before my Baptism, 2015.

My heart pounding ... my mind in confusion. The work for my father's side of the family had been already done in the Provo, Utah Temple.

The volunteer helping me populate my family tree had the deer in the headlights look as well. "How is this possible? Who would do this work for my Jewish family?" I kept asking her these questions, but all she did was shake her head in disbelief. Finally, she said, "We will have to call Utah!" She did call, and we found out the answer to the mystery on the day before my Baptism. I had LDS relatives!!!! Not only that, but my Grandfather had an unknown brother who married a Mormon girl and moved to Utah with her which began the LDS family line.

There is much more to the story, but finding that information gave me the permission and peace I needed to be wholeheartedly Baptized into the LDS Church. I felt it was my ancestor's way of telling me "It's ok, honey...go ahead and do it, we accepted it for ourselves and we approve for you." My long journey to know Jesus's love had reached its beautiful beginning. My Baptism was one of the most tender experiences of my life. I knew my ancestors were with me.

That one day in the Family History Center gave me the passion and the wings to travel all over the world to learn about my heritage and ancestors. It changed my life, and I know it can change your life as well as your ancestor's.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 18- Sonya Banks-Spears,
Ellen Bethers & Sara
Otto

April 20- Christina Tucker

April 21- Morgan Dailey

April 22- Judy Goodsell &
Mackenzie Ostler

April 23- Megan Van
Oostendorp

April 24- Jo Ann Forbes

April 25- Chelsea Johnson

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Sleep Tight Kids is an organization in Asheville that puts together overnight bags for children in shelters, police stations, and other places where they could use some extra comfort. They are holding a volunteer orientation on April 25th at 2pm at the Sweeten Creek Brewery. If you enjoy volunteering, this might be a good opportunity for you!

COME FOLLOW ME WEEKLY READING

April 5-11
D&C 30-36

April 12-18
D&C 37-40

April 19-25
D&C 41-44

April 26-May 2
D&C 45

Here's Where to Begin

Family history work generally includes three steps:

1. Identify your ancestors.
2. Find out which ancestors need temple ordinances performed.
3. Make certain that the needed ordinances are performed.

If you are just getting started, complete a pedigree chart and a family group record for yourself. On the pedigree chart, list your name first, then your parents' names, and so on. If you are married, complete two family group records—one showing you and the other showing you as a child.

After you have completed these forms for yourself and your immediate family, begin gathering information about the ancestors who are easiest to identify. The most important thing you need is the desire to provide the saving ordinances of the gospel to those in the spirit world waiting to receive them.

Don't forget the powerful influence the Spirit can have in helping you to identify your ancestors. As you exercise faith, names and information thought to be unavailable may come to you in unexpected ways and places. I can truly attest to that!!!

For additional help in identifying your ancestors and providing ordinances for them, contact your ward family history consultants (info below), ask a member of the Elder's Quorum Presidency or High Priests Group leadership.

Next time I'll be writing about **How to Provide Ordinances for Your Ancestors**

Family History Consultants

Georgia Carland:
(828) 301-1485

RaeAnn Collier:
(828) 684-2463

Rodney Davidson:
(828) 450-5127

Missionary Meals

Please sign up to feed our sister missionaries on the ward website. Missionaries can eat in members' homes, where they will wear a mask when not eating. *If you would be more comfortable, you can always prepare a meal and have the sisters come pick it up.*

Freezer Meals

We are compiling a list of sisters who would like to be contacted whenever someone in the ward needs meals. If you would like your name to be added to this list, please text/call/ email Erin Jones:

(385) 335-3488
erinjones1029@gmail.com

NOTE: Some sisters said they had trouble accessing the missionary meal calendar this past week. If you find yourself in this group, you can contact Amy Eliason (she will put you on the calendar!).

(530) 999-8005