

In Other Church Magazines

THE NEW ERA



A Dual Issue

Highlighting Personal Progress and Duty to God, the September issue is a collection of personal experiences, ideas for fulfilling experiences, and answers to questions. The Young Women and Young Men organizations are represented in the two halves of the magazine. The issue features a special message for young women from Elder Shayne M. Bowen on page YW4, and a message especially for young men from Elder Craig C. Christensen on page AP4.



Three goals led to great things for these young men from England.

By Mark Red

Three Anglican Protestant students in a ward in Warrington, England, began the year like many other—setting goals. They came together to plan ways to do more to honor their parents and fill their personal duty to their Heavenly Father. Through personal study, and across the neighborhood was full of weekly conferences.

The ideas were then grouped into three main goals:

1. Attend the temple at least twice to perform baptisms for the dead.
2. Work diligently on their current portion of Duty to God.
3. Increase the membership of each group by one, either through baptism or activation.

The group was encouraged that the first two goals were things that were already done in their ward, but that the third would require the Lord's hand. They felt that they would not consider that goal, though not easy, was definitely achievable through diligence and consistent action.

A Goal Reminded
The year began well. The commitment was made to find and watch Craig, Mark, and 17-year-old, though at the time they

One Year, 3 Goals

were on their way. Craig was well-versed in all the things they would do to meet "I was made to feel so welcome by the other young men and quickly felt comfortable being around them, even though they knew much more about the Church than I did," Craig recalls. "I was hard hitting for a lot of the things that I used to do, with my friends before I joined the Church, but I know that being the project will make me much happier."

Fulfilling Their Duty
As the year progressed, the young men did all they could to fill their goals, and their hearts began to glow. They were so excited to see their duty to God. "I had been told that there was no such thing as a free lunch, and I remember looking over my shoulder and seeing my Heavenly Father and my Heavenly Mother. I would have done so in my own, and I felt really good about it. From a goal, knowing that I had a friend, something workable." Everyone there knew and Elder Red also needed support from their ward members about their goals.

Young men in Warrington, England, found joy in the fulfillment of their goals for their duty to God. Through diligence, prayer, and the temple, working on Duty to God and increasing personal membership.

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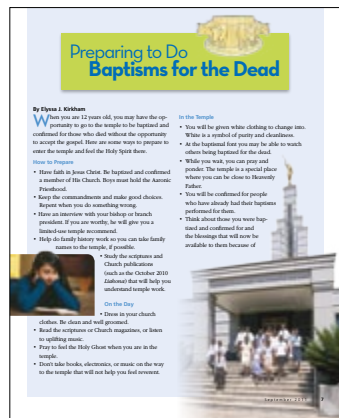
Setting and Reaching Goals

A group of young men in England reach some ambitious goals they have set for themselves in "One Year, 3 Goals" on page AP18. In the Young Women half of the magazine, read "Where Music Leads," on page YW22, about a Beehive who fulfills a Personal Progress experience to learn to lead music. This experience leads her to become the ward chorister and to look forward to making music her life's work.

THE FRIEND

Prepare to Do Baptisms for the Dead

Do you know a child who is preparing to go to the temple for the first time to perform baptisms for the dead? "Preparing to Do Baptisms for the Dead" on page 7 can help children understand what they can do to prepare to enter the temple and what they can expect to happen when they are there.



Preparing to Do Baptisms for the Dead

By Flynn J. Kirkham

When you are 12 years old, you may have the opportunity to go to the temple to be baptized and confirmed for those who did not have the opportunity to accept the gospel. Here are some steps to prepare to enter the temple and feel the Holy Spirit there.

- Have faith in Jesus Christ. Be baptized and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Keep the commandments and make good choices. Begin when you do something wrong.
- Have an interview with your bishop or branch president. If you are worthy, he will give you a temple-use temple recommend.
- Help in family home evening so you can be family members to the temple, if possible.

to the temple

- You will be given white clothing to change into. When a member of your family is preparing to go to the temple, you may be able to watch others being baptized for the dead.
- When you reach the temple, you will see your ward president. The temple is a special place where you can be close to Heavenly Father.
- There will be confirmed for people who have already had their baptisms performed for them.
- Think about those you were baptized and confirmed for the dead. The blessings that will come be available to them because of

Thank the scriptures and Church publications.

Look to the October 2010 edition that will help you understand temple work.

On the Day

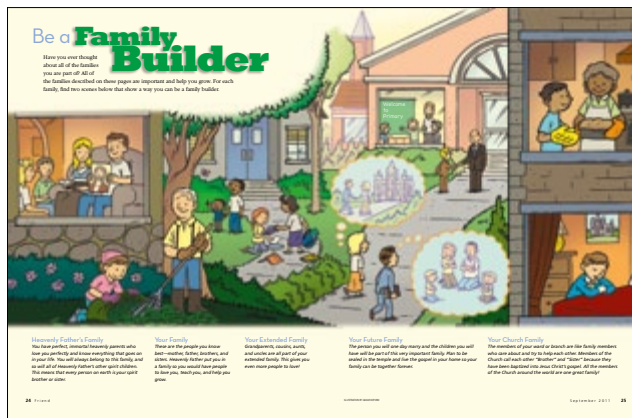
- Draw to your church. Attend the church and feel grounded.
- Read the scriptures or Church magazines, or listen to uplifting music.
- Try to feel the Holy Spirit when you are in the temple.
- Don't take books, electronics, or music into the temple. Use the temple floor and help you feel someone.

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Building Families

"Be a Family Builder" on page 24–25 helps children understand that

in addition to striving for happiness in the home, they can also build relationships with members of their ward and extended families. They also can prepare themselves now for the future families they will create.



Be a Family Builder

Have you ever thought about all of the families you are part of? All of the families described in these pages are important and help you grow. For each family, that two scenes below that show a way you can be a family builder.



Have Faith in Jesus Christ
You have perfect, eternal Heavenly Parents who love you perfectly and know everything that you do in your life. You are always talking to the family and are all of the same. Remember that you are a child of your Heavenly Father and your Heavenly Mother.



Your Family
There are the people you love: your mother, your father, and your siblings. Remember that you are a child of your Heavenly Father and your Heavenly Mother. You are all of the same. Remember that you are a child of your Heavenly Father and your Heavenly Mother.



Your Church Family
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