

YOUNG ADULT FEATURES

- 14 Three Modern Pioneer Journeys**
By Sarah Keenan
Just as it did for the early pioneers, joining the Church today involves courage and sacrifice.
- 18 Feeling Disconnected? Try Slowing Down**
By Charlotte Larcabal
I realized that my fast-paced, distracted way of living was distancing me from God.
- 20 Am I Majoring in the Gospel?**
By Destiny Yarbro
Despite being a busy college student, I found several ways to make the gospel a priority.
- 24 Take Your Selfie to the Temple**
By Jessica Hansen and Tiffany Pontius
What happens when you mix social media, taking selfies, and going to the temple? For our ward members it brought great blessings!



ON THE COVER
Illustration by David Green



FEATURES

- 26 Faith to Push Forward**
By Elder Ronald A. Rasband
Our pioneer ancestors bore extreme hardships as they sought to gather in Zion.
- 32 The Book of Mormon Changes Lives**
Converts share how the Book of Mormon helped them accept the gospel.
- 36 Religious Freedom in a Secular Age**
By Elder Lance B. Wickman
Preserving religious freedom requires focusing on core priorities and learning to engage effectively with our fellow citizens.
- 44 How We Succeeded in Sharing the Gospel**
By Never Chikunguwo
As we faithfully set goals to bring others unto Christ, we will be blessed with miracles.
- 46 The Spiritual Foundations of Church Financial Self-Reliance**
By Bishop Gérald Causé
In its finance and investment policies, the Church practices the principles it teaches to its members.
- 52 Keeping the Faith in Isolation**
By Ryan W. Saltzgeber
Despite the absence of a church building or even a ward, these Saints worked hard to establish the Church in their homelands.



58 Let Us Not Fail to Feel
 By Jorge F. Zeballos
In a world where there is constant noise, we must listen for the still, small voice to know the Father's will.

62 Objects from the Scriptures: Hear the Sound of the Trumpet
Scriptures referring to trumpets can teach us much about the role of prophets and how we should treat their words.

64 Saints: The Story of the Church—Chapter 5: All Is Lost
After beginning to translate the plates with the help of Martin Harris, Joseph faces consequences when he lets the manuscript out of his hands.

SUBMISSIONS
 To submit a manuscript or your comments, go to ensign.lds.org and click "Submit an Article or Feedback."

70 Ministering to Members Who Are Divorced
 By Brian Duncan
There is much we can do to help those who are experiencing the pain and challenges of divorce.



DEPARTMENTS

- 4 Portraits of Faith: Victor Barbinyagra—Kharkiv, Ukraine**
- 6 Ministering Principles: Reach Out in Compassion**
- 10 At the Pulpit: Knowing Who You Are—and Who You Have Always Been**
 By Sheri L. Dew
- 12 My Conference Notebook: April 2018 General Conference**
- 74 Friend Connection: Different Kinds of Families**
- 75 New Era Connection**
- 76 Latter-day Saint Voices**
- 80 Until We Meet Again: The Book of Mormon Brings Abundance**
 By President Ezra Taft Benson