

"WHETHER FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES OR MEMBERS, WE SHOULD ALL BE GOOD EXAMPLES OF THE BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST."

Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "Be Thou an Example of the Believers," *Ensign*, Nov. 2010, 47.



ANTI-DANCE, ANYONE?

For the youth in the La Verne California Stake, the dancing at their high school events has gotten so inappropriate that it's hard to even be there. "You can go to school dances and have the option to not inappropriately dance, but just being there, it has a bad atmosphere. You can't have the Spirit with you there," says Cameron Bodhaine, 17, of La Verne, California.

As a solution, Cameron planned an "Anti-Prom" event last spring. This past fall, he also planned an Anti-Homecoming, that took place on the same day as the school's dance. He invited friends and their dates to join, and they had fun go-carting, eating dinner, and later watching a movie. They had a blast.

The idea has caught on, and there have been many other "Anti-" activities as alternatives to the school-sponsored dances. Laurel Quinn Alkonis, with some other girls, planned a similar activity for Sadies.

"Make a plan and let people know in advance,"

Cameron advises youth who want to plan similar activities. "It's a great way to get to know each other while upholding your standards, being respectful, and feeling comfortable."

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GENERAL YOUNG WOMEN BROADCAST

The Young Women General Presidency, under the direction of the First Presidency, invites all young women ages 12 to 18, their mothers, and Young Women leaders to attend the General Young Women meeting on Saturday, March 26, 2011.

The theme for the broadcast is the 13th article of faith. "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."

The meeting will originate from the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. The live meeting will be broadcast by satellite to meetinghouses worldwide and on the Internet at broadcast.lds.org.

LIVE BROADCAST	REBROADCAST
8 p.m. Eastern time	10 p.m. Eastern time
7 p.m. Central time	9 p.m. Central time
6 p.m. Mountain time	8 p.m. Mountain time
5 p.m. Pacific time	7 p.m. Pacific time

THE CHURCH IN USA—LOUISIANA

In 1841 Joseph Smith received a letter from Church members in New Orleans who needed leadership. "Send us Peter, or an Apostle to preach unto us Jesus," they wrote and enclosed \$10 to help defray expenses. Harrison Sagers was sent. Although he faced opposition from the community, those who called for him offered defense, including a group of courageous women who once circled him as protection from mobs.

In November 1841, New Orleans became the main port of arrival for nearly 17,500 Latter-day Saints from Europe. They traveled up the Mississippi River to Nauvoo, St. Louis, or other river ports to begin their trek westward.



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Twenty-four Church missionaries labored in Louisiana in 1898. One hundred and ten converts were baptized in one year. The missionaries were challenged by mobs

who threatened them and occasionally held hostages. A midwife once confronted a mob when they threatened a missionary in her care. She held a shotgun and said, "I brought a good many of you into the world and I can take you out again just as easily." The mob left. Missionaries labored in New Orleans for 20 years before an official congregation was organized in 1924.

Here are a few facts about the Church today in Louisiana:

Membership	27,977
Missions	1
Temples	1
Wards & Branches	50
Family History Centers	13

MY FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

Alma 38:5 This is my favorite scripture because right when I needed it, I found it. Keeping this scripture in my mind helps strengthen my testimony and my trust in God.

Jonathan C., 16, California, USA

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CAMPING AND CARING

The young women of the Stevensville Montana Stake wanted to do more than just camp at their last girls' camp; they also wanted to do some good. Reaching out to needy children around the world, the young women put together 72 hygiene kits and gathered around 250 toys and stuffed animals to be distributed by LDS Humanitarian Services.

This project helped the girls realize how blessed they are to have what they have. Many talked of wanting to do more and said they were grateful that the Church has the ability to send these items to people who are truly in need.



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