

Joseph Fielding Smith

President of the Church, 1970–72

President Joseph Fielding Smith invited all people to come unto Christ: “There is no cure for the ills of the world except the gospel of Jesus Christ. . . . And so we invite all our Father’s children, everywhere, to believe in Christ, to receive him as he is revealed by living prophets, and to join The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. . . . To the honest in heart in all nations we say: The Lord loves you. He wants you to receive the full blessings of the gospel” (“Counsel to the Saints and to the World,” *Ensign*, July 1972, 27).

He left this blessing on the youth of the Church: “The Lord bless you and keep you, which most assuredly will be so as you learn his laws and live in harmony with them. Be true to every trust. Honor thy father and thy mother. Dwell together in love and conformity. Be modest in your dress. Overcome the world, and do not be led astray by the fashions and practices of those whose interests are centered upon the things of this world” (in Conference Report, Apr. 1972, 13–14).

1876 Born on July 19 to Joseph F. Smith and Julina Lambson Smith in Salt Lake City

1884 Age 8, baptized by his father in Salt Lake City on his birthday

1893 Age 16, attends the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple

1898 Age 21, marries Louie Emily (Emyla) Shurtliff on April 26; she dies in 1908

1899–1901 Ages 22–24, serves a mission to England

1908 Age 32, marries Ethel Georgina Reynolds on November 2; she dies in 1937

1910 Age 33, ordained an Apostle on April 7 by his father, Joseph F. Smith, President of the Church

1938 Age 61, marries Jessie Ella Evans on April 12; she dies in 1971

1965 Age 89, called as a counselor to President David O. McKay

1970 Age 93, sustained as President of the Church on April 6, with Harold B. Lee and N. Eldon Tanner as counselors

1971 Age 95, presides over the first area general conference of the Church, held in Manchester, England

1972 Age 95, dedicates the Ogden Utah Temple on January 18 and the Provo Utah Temple on February 9

1972 Age 95, dies on July 2 in Salt Lake City after two and a half years as President of the Church

Summary

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