

Our People, Our Values, Our Faith, and Frequently Asked Questions.

Our People

This section contains the member profiles, allowing investigators to learn more about the gospel by “meeting” those who have gained testimonies of the restored gospel.

“The one thing that helps people get past misconceptions about the Church is if they’ve had the opportunity to know a Mormon,” said Ron Wilson, manager of Internet and marketing for the Missionary Department. “They realize the negative things they might be hearing about the Church don’t line up with the lives their Mormon friends are living.”

Our Values

The Our Values section teaches what members do as a result of their beliefs. It explains some of the Church’s priorities, including humanitarian aid, families, education, service, and family history. This section will help investigators connect Church doctrine with the way members live their lives.

Our Faith

The Our Faith section explains fundamental doctrines of the Church. Everything in this section of the site can answer the question, “What do Mormons believe?” This section also provides context for other areas of the site. Visitors to the site can learn about our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Restoration of the gospel, Joseph Smith, the plan of salvation, the Book of Mormon, and other topics.

Frequently Asked Questions

Church members create the content for this section by answering questions on their personal profiles. They answer FAQs in their own words, helping visitors to learn about the Church from its members. ■

New Building Design Saves Energy, Resources

Think of the new meetinghouse in Farmington, Utah, USA—complete with solar panels and wider hallways—as a test drive.

The building, along with four others in Utah and Nevada, is part of a new pilot program that will influence future building designs. They were built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification requirements, designed to reduce water use, waste, and pollution. The solar panels will prevent two million pounds of carbon dioxide pollution over the next 25 years, and the other buildings have special light-colored roofs that will reduce cooling costs.

In addition, the Church is saving money.

“These projects are both environmentally friendly and cost-efficient,” said Jared Doxey, director of the Church’s Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Division. “It makes sense to build them this way.”

But wise construction practices are nothing new for the Church. Designs for existing meetinghouses already met 75 percent of LEED certification requirements.

Dozens of other improvements are also making their debut—from larger classrooms to a fan-shaped chapel that holds more people but sits them closer to the pulpit.

The new buildings also have Webcasting capabilities so meetings can be broadcast via the Internet without a satellite dish. In fact, Webcasting technology could replace satellite dishes altogether.

“Webcasting expands the Brethren’s reach,” Brother Doxey said. “They can deliver messages in one place and be heard in any meetinghouse with a broadband Internet connection.” ■