



CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'RE TURNING 8!

Congratulations on your upcoming baptism! Here is some important information to help you and your family as you prepare for your special day:

BEFORE YOUR BAPTISM DAY:

- ☐ Your baptism date. You have the opportunity to be baptized when you are eight years old. Stake baptisms are generally held on the first Saturday of each month. Baptisms are held at the TM Stake Center at 2030 W. Chapel Ridge Road in Lehi. Your Primary President will tell you the start time of your baptism three weeks before the baptism date. The Stake Baptism day that follows your birthday is _____. Please contact your Primary President if the date that follows closest to your child's birth date doesn't work for you.

2026 Stake Baptism Schedule

Jan 3, 2026	Feb 7, 2026	March 14, 2026	April 11, 2026*
May 2, 2026	June 6, 2026	July 11, 2026*	August 1, 2026
September 5, 2026	October 10, 2026*	November 7, 2026	December 5, 2026

Traverse Mountain 4th ward holds the second baptismal spots. If there is no baptism before us, we will have an earlier spot. The stake releases the time and order 3 weeks before the baptism.

- ☐ Interview with the Bishop(ric). Before you turn 8, your parents should set up an appointment with your Bishop or an assigned counselor by contacting the ward executive secretary, Lee Johnson, 1-801-885-2941. To prepare for your interview, you can talk to your family, Primary teacher, and/or Primary President about the covenants and blessings associated with your baptism and confirmation. Your parents are welcome and encouraged to attend your baptism interview with you.
- ☐ Designate two witnesses. Two witnesses, approved by the presiding leader, observe each baptism to make sure it is performed properly. Baptized members of the Church, including children and youth, may serve as witnesses.
- ☐ Invite your friends and family. This is a special time, and we encourage you to invite others to share in your special day. Who can come? Family, friends, teachers, ward members, non-members, classmates, teammates, neighbors, etc.

- ☐ Plan your baptism program. A member of your bishopric and/or a member of your Primary Presidency will meet with you and your parents to plan the baptism program. Keep in mind you may be sharing your baptism program with other children in your ward.

ON YOUR BAPTISM DAY:

- ☐ Arrive Early. The baptismal candidate and the priesthood holder performing the ordinance need to arrive 30 minutes before the baptism to change into white clothing. Please come dressed in Sunday clothes. A member of your Primary Presidency will meet you at the Stake Center to help you. A white jumpsuit to wear in the baptismal font is provided for adults and children, but priesthood holders may also bring their own white clothing if desired. Please remember to wear white underwear that day.
- ☐ Please bring the following items on your baptism day:
 - a. A change of white underwear for the baptism.
 - b. White socks
 - c. Comb
 - d. Towel (does not need to be white)
 - e. A bag to carry your wet clothing/towels

BAPTISM SERVICE:

(From General Handbook, 18.7.2) A baptismal service should be *simple, brief, and spiritually uplifting*. It may include the following:

1. Prelude music
2. A brief welcome from the brother who is conducting the service.
3. An opening hymn and prayer
4. One or two short messages on gospel subjects, such as baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost
5. A musical selection
6. The baptism
7. A time of reverence while those who participated in the baptism change into dry clothes (hymns or Primary songs may be played or sung during this time)
8. The confirmation of 8-year-old members of record
9. A bearing of testimony of new converts
9. A closing hymn and prayer
10. Postlude music

- ☐ Opening Exercises: At the beginning of the baptism, everyone will meet in the designated room for 30 minutes (Chapel or Primary Room) for opening exercises. This *may* consist of:
 - a. A brief welcome from the presiding bishopric member who is conducting the service.
 - b. An opening hymn and prayer
 - c. One or two short messages on gospel subjects, such as baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost
 - d. A musical selection

☐ Baptism Ordinance. Each family will proceed to the Relief Society Room as directed for the baptisms. Each ward will have 15 minutes in the RS Room / Font. You may bring a camera, but Pictures and videos should not be taken in the chapel, in the font, or during the baptismal ordinance. For those participating in the baptismal ordinance, a changing area is provided immediately adjacent to the font area for use both before and after the ordinance. There may be moments when several individuals may need to use the changing rooms at the same time. Please do your best to respect each other's privacy and modesty. If needed, the stalls located in the bathroom may be used to provide additional privacy.

☐ Confirmation and Closing Exercises. After all the children in your ward are baptized, all families will return to the designated room for 15 minutes for closing exercises.

The closing exercises will consist of:

- e. A time of reverence while those who participated in the baptism change into dry clothes (hymns or Primary songs may be played or sung during this time)
- f. The confirmation of 8-year-old members of record
- g. Bearing of testimonies by new converts, if desired
- h. A closing hymn and prayer

AFTER THE BAPTISM:

☐ Church Records. Please follow up with the Ward Clerk (Mark Curtis or Spencer Black) to ensure that he received the baptism recommend from the Bishopric member to update your child's record of church membership.

☐ Baptism & Confirmation Certificate. You will receive a Baptism & Confirmation certificate for your records from the ward clerk.

☐ Family Gatherings. Should you wish to meet with a group of family and loved ones after the meeting, please plan to do so in your home or another location. The Stake Center (including the pavilion) is not available for these gatherings.

Once again, we are excited for your upcoming baptism, and we hope this letter has been helpful.

Please feel free to contact a member of your ward Primary Presidency or the Stake Primary Presidency with any questions.

Sincerely,

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