FAMILY TREE GATHERINGS

“We finally have the doctrine, the temples, and the technology for families to accomplish this glorious work of salvation. I suggest one way this might be done. Families could hold a ‘Family Tree Gathering.’ This should be a recurring effort.”

Elder Quentin L. Cook
“As you learn about your ancestors, you will see patterns of life, of marriage, of children; patterns of righteousness; and occasionally patterns that you will want to avoid.”

Elder Neil L. Andersen

What activities are you already doing that can become Family Tree Gatherings?

How can the doctrine of binding families help you create meaningful gatherings?

How can the temple be a regular part of your Family Tree Gatherings?

How can you involve your whole family, young and old, in participating?

How can your Family Tree Gathering bring people closer to Christ?
SIMPLE CELEBRATIONS

“Celebrating events of the past focuses our thoughts on our history. We take the opportunity to review the past. We glean from the experiences of the past as we anticipate the future. Cicero wrote this of history:

“Not to know what has been transacted in former times is to be always a child. If no use is made of the labors of past ages, the world must remain always in the infancy of knowledge.”

“God grant that we may ever keep alive the rich heritage which is ours, especially by building family traditions as constant reminders of our standards and our values.”

Elder L. Tom Perry
“Every home is different, but every home where even one individual seeks for truth can make a difference.”

Sister Cheryl A. Esplin

How can your ancestors fortify your home and family?

How can understanding the history of when your ancestors lived help your family’s future?

Can your simple ancestor celebrations carry over into your community? How can this help others?

As you think about ways to honor your ancestors, can you learn a new skill or develop a talent?

What family celebrations have you created that you hope will endure through generations?