

Joseph F. Smith Family Association

Dear Family,

Fall is in the air and Grandpapa's Birthday will be here again before we know it. Our reunion this year will be held:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008
MONUMENT PARK STAKE CENTER
1320 EAST WASATCH DRIVE
(driving directions given in the program)
registration begins at 6:30 P.M.
program begins at 7:00 P.M.

The program this year will be:
"Portrait of a Prophet, Life in the Beehive House"

The script and music were brilliantly created and performed by Marian Warner, Nonie Sorensen and Judy Jardine several years ago. The narration and songs are centered around the life of Joseph F. Smith. Nonie has graciously consented to have two of her children, Dan Sorensen and Jan Marshall, and two of her grandchildren, Meredith and Abby Marshall, perform the program. I'm told by many that they have beautiful voices and are very talented. Nonie will accompany them on the piano. Several years ago we took our family to Nauvoo. We were delighted by the productions, "Nauvoo Adventure" and "Rendezvous in Old Nauvoo" that were created and directed by Nonie Sorensen. She has also written many other musicals based on the lives of LDS leaders and pioneers. How blessed we are to have our own Nonie and her children perform for us. Nonie, Marian and Judy are great grandchildren of Joseph F. Smith and Sarah Ellen.

We will then also be blessed to hear a few closing remarks by our own Apostle and cousin Elder M. Russell Ballard.

As always, we will have a **children's program** provided for children ages 3 through 7 where our little ones will also learn about Grandpapa's faith and love for them.

Children who have turned 8 or 12 years old since the last reunion will be honored as part of the program. They will be asked to sing "We'll Bring the World His Truth" (Army of Helaman), so please review the words and music with your children before the reunion.

We will have all the **grandchildren** of Joseph F. Smith stand and be recognized. We love you so much and hope that you all will be able to be there.

The family reunion committee will provide the refreshments. No need to bring finger food; just come and enjoy the evening.

Last year, our cousin and Educational Outreach Chairman, Vivian Adams, produced an outstanding 2-CD set entitled, "Mary Fielding Smith on the Martyrdom Road". I'm sure those of you who received a copy know how valuable it is. This story is a vital part of the legacy we share. If you need copies for other members of your families or if you didn't receive one last year, we will have some to purchase for \$6.00 on the night of the reunion. You can also purchase them on line on our family webpage (josephfsmith.org) for \$10.00 to cover postage and handling.

We will have a sign up sheet for those of you who would like to order a book with the script and music of "Portrait of a Prophet, Life in the Beehive House". A CD of the performance will also be available. This would be for those of you who might want to reenact the performance with your family or for your Relief Society, YWYM or ward parties.
Would be fun!!!!

We also will have a sign up sheet for the DVD of the performance of "Portrait of a Prophet, Life in the Beehive House" performed several years ago by Marian Warner, Nonie Sorensen and Judy Jardine. This DVD also has pictures and footage of Joseph F. Smith and family.

Some of you have been asking about the pictures of Joseph F. Smith's family groupings. With a big thank you to Frank Nilson, they will be back again this year so you can purchase or order copies the night of the reunion.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR DATA STEWARDS!

Many thanks to those of you who invest so much time, energy and heart in keeping track of this ever expanding Joseph F. Smith family! A special thanks to Mary Donoho who supervises all of this data gathering and to Jared Glade who is our computer guru and JFS webmaster. If you have changes that we don't know about contact :

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All of us on the board are looking forward to a wonderful reunion this year.
Hope to see you there!

With Love,
Becky Sharp Hamilton
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