

# Bentonville Arkansas Temple Fact Sheet



**Address:** 1105 McCollum Drive  
Bentonville, Arkansas 72712

**Temple Announced:** October 5, 2019

**Groundbreaking:** November 7, 2020

**Dedication:** September 17, 2023

**Public Open House:** June 17–July 1, 2023  
(Except Sundays)

**Property Size:** 18.62 acres

**Building Size:** 28,472 square feet

**Building Height:** 111 feet, 8 inches,  
including spire

**Architect:** VCBO Architecture; Church  
Architect: Josh Stewart

**Interior Design:** VCBO Architecture; Church  
Interior Designer: Michael Costantino and Karen  
Willardson

**Contractor:** Parkway Construction

The Bentonville Arkansas Temple will be the 181st operating temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the first in Arkansas. The temple's architecture draws inspiration from local historic buildings such as the neoclassical Benton County Courthouse and the colonial-revival-style Massey Hotel, reflecting the feel of a traditional, small American town. The Arkansas State Capitol, completed in 1915 in Little Rock, was also referenced.

## EXTERIOR FEATURES

**BUILDING:** The temple is a steel-frame structure with a precast exterior. Structural steel was fabricated and installed by B&B Erectors of Dallas, Texas. The exterior precast was fabricated and installed by Gate Precast of Hillsboro, Texas.

**EXTERIOR ART GLASS:** The exterior art glass was designed by Bovard Studio of Fairfield, Iowa, in conjunction with VCBO Architecture. Holdman Studios of Lehi, Utah, fabricated the art glass. The primary designs of the art glass include the dogwood blossom, one of the first spring flowers in the area. Sunbursts and diamond designs are also featured, recognizing Arkansas as home to the only diamond mine in the United States. Red, yellow, and blue patterns are reminiscent of a quilt, speaking to Bentonville's small-town American heritage.

**LANDSCAPING:** The primary tree planted on the grounds is the dogwood tree, along with other local trees and shrubs. The landscape architecture was provided by Ecological Design Group (EDG), located in Rogers, Arkansas. The landscape contractor is Superscapes of Carrollton, Texas.

## INTERIOR FEATURES

**FLOORING:** Soft, gold broadloom carpets designed by Mannington Mills of Salem, New Jersey, are used for the general areas and instruction rooms. Wall-to-wall wool rugs designed by Rugs International of Georgia are used in the celestial, sealing, and bride's rooms. Area rugs are rendered in blues, greens, golds, and hints of pink.

The general stone used for the flooring is vagnelia marble quarried and fabricated in Turkey and installed by Peritia Stone of Waterloo, Iowa.

**DECORATIVE PAINTING:** Decorative interior painting, designed by VCBO Architecture of Salt Lake City, Utah, features soft blues, greens, and golds, with a touch of pink for the dogwood blossoms. It includes several patterns reminiscent of quilting and lace tatting to evoke Bentonville's small-town American feel. The decorative paint was done by Iconography of Salt Lake City, Utah.

**INTERIOR ART GLASS:** The interior art glass was designed by Bovard Studio of Fairfield, Iowa, in conjunction with VCBO Architecture and fabricated by Holdman Studios. The interior art glass is similar to that of the exterior, using the same patterns and colors.

**DECORATIVE LIGHTING:** The temple's decorative light fixtures are made of glass, bronze, and crystal. The crystal fixtures were designed by Schonbek (Swarovski) in Plattsburgh, New York, and the bowl fixtures throughout the temple were designed by VCBO Architecture.

**MILLWORK:** Decorative wood inlay repeats the dogwood blossom, diamond, and quilting motifs found throughout the temple. Millwork was fabricated by Masterpiece Millwork of Lindon, Utah.

**BAPTISMAL FONT RAILINGS:** Font railings are turned vertical posts, reminiscent of early American furniture. The materials are bronze with an antique brass finish and glass. Railings were fabricated by Smith Design and Manufacturing of Gunter, Texas.

**DOORS AND HARDWARE:** The exterior entry doors are bronze with a center art glass panel and were fabricated by Ellison Bronze of Falconer, New York. The interior doors are mahogany and use bronze hardware with an antique brass finish. The dogwood blossom motif is used here as well. Masonite International of Tampa, Florida, fabricated the doors, and decorative hardware was designed by VCBO Architecture and manufactured by Luna Bronze of Heber City, Utah.

**CEILINGS:** Ceilings were constructed of gypsum board, acoustic ceiling tile, and additional fiberglass-reinforced gypsum. Crown moldings found throughout

the temple were fabricated by Masterpiece Millwork. All ceilings were designed by VCBO Architecture.

**ORIGINAL ARTWORK:** The temple's original artwork includes "Falls in Springtime" and "A Sunlit Distant Shore" by Brad Aldridge and "Obedient unto the Commandments of the Lord" by Dan Wilson.



# A Brief History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Arkansas



## EARLY CHURCH HISTORY IN ARKANSAS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints first came to Arkansas when missionaries Henry Brown and Wilford Woodruff arrived there from Clay County, Missouri, on January 28, 1835. Jonathan Hubble and his wife were the first Arkansas converts. They were baptized on February 22, 1835.

For the next several decades many of the area's new members chose to join the main body of the Church in the American West, but eventually a permanent presence in Arkansas was established. In 1914, a branch (a small congregation) was organized in Barney, Faulkner County, with over 100 members who had gathered to the city from the northern half of the state. Descendants of those early members still worship in local Latter-day Saint congregations today.

By 1930, Arkansas had three formally organized congregations, with other small groups of individuals and families worshipping throughout the Ozarks. The next three decades were difficult years due to the United States' economy, weather conditions, and World War II. These challenges slowed the Church's growth in Arkansas, but small gatherings continued. There were members in Fayetteville starting in 1930, and by 1952 a short-lived Bentonville branch had been created. Church members in Bentonville met in a home just two blocks from the city square. A permanent congregation was organized in Fort Smith in 1955.

## CHURCH GROWTH

The first stake (a geographical grouping of multiple congregations, similar to a diocese) in northwest Arkansas was organized in Fort Smith in 1978. Congregations followed in Siloam Springs, Springdale, Huntsville, Alma, Rogers and Bentonville. The Rogers Arkansas Stake was formed in 1991, and David A. Bednar, who currently serves as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles for the Church, was called as its first stake president. By the year 2000, Arkansas Church membership had passed 20,000. Today there are more than 35,000 members in 73 congregations, with a high concentration of those Latter-day Saints living near Bentonville.

## CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY TODAY

Church members strive to follow Jesus Christ by prioritizing service and love for their fellow men and women. They serve in community and government positions, and youth and adults donate significant time and resources to their communities' charitable organizations. The Church helps alleviate hunger in Arkansas through humanitarian aid and the distribution of truckloads of dairy and dry goods to local food banks and pantries. Local Latter-day Saints have also given thousands of volunteer hours in response to natural disasters, such as the 2011 Joplin tornado and the 2019 flooding in the Fort Smith area.

## BENTONVILLE ARKANSAS TEMPLE

Historically, members of the Church in Arkansas have traveled long distances and sacrificed much to attend the temples in Salt Lake City, Mesa and Dallas. Currently, members travel to Oklahoma City and Kansas City. In October 2019, Church President Russell M. Nelson announced plans to construct Arkansas's first temple in Bentonville. The Bentonville Arkansas Temple will serve Latter-day Saints in Arkansas and Missouri.



# DAVID A. BEDNAR

*Apostle*



David A. Bednar was born on June 15, 1952, in Oakland, California. He served as a full-time missionary in Southern Germany and then attended Brigham Young University, where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. He also received a doctoral degree in organizational behavior from Purdue University.

David A. Bednar married Susan Kae Robinson in the Salt Lake Temple on March 20, 1975, and they are the parents of three sons.

Prior to his call to the Quorum of the Twelve, Elder Bednar served as an Area Seventy, Area Authority Seventy, Regional Representative, twice as a stake president, and as a bishop.

After completing his education, Elder Bednar was a professor of business management at Texas Tech University and at the University of Arkansas. He then served as the president of Brigham Young University–Idaho (formerly Ricks College) from 1997–2004.



# Temples throughout the World

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## 315 TEMPLES: DEDICATED, UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND ANNOUNCED

### NORTH AMERICA

Albuquerque New Mexico

Anchorage Alaska

Atlanta Georgia

Austin Texas

Bakersfield California

Baton Rouge Louisiana

**Bentonville Arkansas**

Billings Montana

Birmingham Alabama

Bismarck North Dakota

Boise Idaho

Boston Massachusetts

Bountiful Utah

Brigham City Utah

Burley Idaho

Calgary Alberta

Cardston Alberta

Casper Wyoming

Cedar City Utah

Charlotte North Carolina

Chicago Illinois

Cleveland Ohio

Cody Wyoming

Columbia River Washington

Columbia South Carolina

Columbus Ohio

Dallas Texas

Denver Colorado

Deseret Peak Utah

Detroit Michigan

Draper Utah

Edmonton Alberta

Elko Nevada

Ephraim Utah

Farmington New Mexico

Feather River California

Fort Collins Colorado

Fort Lauderdale Florida

Fort Worth Texas

Fresno California

Gilbert Arizona

Grand Junction Colorado

Grand Rapids Michigan

Halifax Nova Scotia

Harrisburg Pennsylvania

Hartford Connecticut

Heber Valley Utah

Helena Montana

Houston Texas

Idaho Falls Idaho

Indianapolis Indiana

Jacksonville Florida

Jordan River Utah

Kansas City Missouri

Knoxville Tennessee

Kona Hawaii

Laie Hawaii

Las Vegas Nevada

Layton Utah

Lethbridge Alberta

Lindon Utah

Logan Utah

Lone Mountain Nevada

Los Angeles California

Louisville Kentucky

Lubbock Texas

Manhattan New York

Manti Utah

McAllen Texas

Medford Oregon

Memphis Tennessee

Meridian Idaho

Mesa Arizona

Missoula Montana

Modesto California

Monticello Utah

Montpelier Idaho

Montreal Quebec

Moses Lake Washington

Mount Timpanogos Utah

Nashville Tennessee

Nauvoo Illinois

Newport Beach California

Oakland California

Ogden Utah

Oklahoma City Oklahoma

Oquirrh Mountain Utah

Orem Utah

Orlando Florida

Palmyra New York

Payson Utah

Philadelphia Pennsylvania

Phoenix Arizona

Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

Pocatello Idaho

Portland Oregon

Prosper Texas

Provo City Center

Provo Utah

Raleigh North Carolina

Red Cliffs Utah

Redlands California

Regina Saskatchewan

Reno Nevada  
Rexburg Idaho North  
Rexburg Idaho  
Richmond Virginia  
Sacramento California  
Salt Lake  
San Antonio Texas  
San Diego California  
San Jose California  
Saratoga Springs Utah  
Seattle Washington  
Smithfield Utah  
Snowflake Arizona  
Spokane Washington  
Springfield Missouri  
St. George Utah  
St. Louis Missouri  
St. Paul Minnesota  
Star Valley Wyoming  
Syracuse Utah  
Tacoma Washington  
Tallahassee Florida  
Tampa Florida  
Taylorsville Utah  
The Gila Valley Arizona  
Toronto Ontario  
Tucson Arizona  
Twin Falls Idaho  
Vancouver British Columbia  
Vernal Utah  
Washington D.C.  
Wichita Kansas  
Willamette Valley Oregon  
Winchester Virginia  
Winnipeg Manitoba  
Winter Quarters Nebraska  
Yorba Linda California

## **AFRICA**

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Aba Nigeria  
Abidjan Ivory Coast  
Accra Ghana  
Antananarivo Madagascar  
Beira Mozambique  
Benin City Nigeria  
Brazzaville Republic of the Congo  
Cape Town South Africa  
Durban South Africa  
Eket Nigeria  
Freetown Sierra Leone  
Harare Zimbabwe  
Johannesburg South Africa  
Kananga Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Kinshasa Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Kumasi Ghana  
Lagos Nigeria  
Lubumbashi Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Monrovia Liberia  
Nairobi Kenya  
Praia Cape Verde

## **ASIA**

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Alabang Philippines  
Bacolod Philippines  
Bangkok Thailand  
Bengaluru India  
Busan Korea  
Cagayan de Oro Philippines  
Cebu City Philippines  
Davao Philippines  
Dubai United Arab Emirates  
Fukuoka Japan  
Hong Kong China  
Iloilo Philippines  
Jakarta Indonesia

Kaohsiung Taiwan  
Manila Philippines  
Naga Philippines  
Okinawa Japan  
Phnom Penh Cambodia  
Santiago Philippines  
Sapporo Japan  
Seoul Korea  
Shanghai People's Republic of China  
Singapore Republic of Singapore  
Tacloban City Philippines  
Taipei Taiwan  
Tokyo Japan  
Tuguegarao City Philippines  
Urdaneta Philippines  
Yigo Guam

## **CARIBBEAN**

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Port-au-Prince Haiti  
San Juan Puerto Rico  
Santo Domingo Dominican Republic

## **CENTRAL AMERICA**

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Cobán Guatemala  
Greater Guatemala City  
Guatemala City Guatemala  
Huehuetenango Guatemala  
Managua Nicaragua  
Panama City Panama  
Quetzaltenango Guatemala  
Retalhuleu Guatemala  
San José Costa Rica  
San Pedro Sula Honduras  
San Salvador El Salvador  
Tegucigalpa Honduras

## **EUROPE**

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Barcelona Spain  
Bern Switzerland  
Birmingham England  
Brussels Belgium

Budapest Hungary  
Copenhagen Denmark  
Frankfurt Germany  
Freiberg Germany  
Hamburg Germany  
Helsinki Finland  
Kyiv Ukraine  
Lisbon Portugal  
London England  
Madrid Spain  
Oslo Norway  
Paris France  
Preston England  
Rome Italy  
Russia  
Stockholm Sweden  
The Hague Netherlands  
Vienna Austria

## MEXICO

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Ciudad Juárez Mexico  
Colonia Juárez Chihuahua Mexico  
Cuernavaca Mexico  
Culiacán Mexico  
Guadalajara Mexico  
Hermosillo Sonora Mexico  
Mérida Mexico  
Mexico City Benemérito Mexico  
Mexico City Mexico  
Monterrey Mexico  
Oaxaca Mexico  
Pachuca Mexico  
Puebla Mexico  
Querétaro Mexico  
San Luis Potosí Mexico  
Tampico Mexico  
Tijuana Mexico  
Toluca Mexico  
Torreón Mexico  
Tula Mexico

Tuxtla Gutiérrez Mexico  
Veracruz Mexico  
Villahermosa Mexico

## OCEANIA

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Adelaide Australia  
Apia Samoa  
Auckland New Zealand  
Brisbane Australia  
Hamilton New Zealand  
Melbourne Australia  
Neiafu Tonga  
Nuku'alofa Tonga  
Pago Pago American Samoa  
Papeete Tahiti  
Perth Australia  
Port Moresby Papua New Guinea  
Port Vila Vanuatu  
Suva Fiji  
Sydney Australia  
Tarawa Kiribati  
Wellington New Zealand

## SOUTH AMERICA

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Antofagasta Chile  
Arequipa Peru  
Asunción Paraguay  
Bahía Blanca Argentina  
Barranquilla Colombia  
Belém Brazil  
Belo Horizonte Brazil  
Bogotá Colombia  
Brasília Brazil  
Buenos Aires Argentina  
Buenos Aires City Center Argentina  
Cali Colombia  
Campinas Brazil  
Caracas Venezuela  
Chiclayo Peru  
Cochabamba Bolivia  
Concepción Chile

Córdoba Argentina  
Curitiba Brazil  
Cusco Peru  
Fortaleza Brazil  
Guayaquil Ecuador  
Iquitos Peru  
La Paz Bolivia  
Lima Peru  
Lima Peru Los Olivos  
Londrina Brazil  
Maceió Brazil  
Manaus Brazil  
Mendoza Argentina  
Montevideo Uruguay  
Natal Brazil  
Porto Alegre Brazil  
Quito Ecuador  
Recife Brazil  
Ribeirão Preto Brazil  
Rio de Janeiro Brazil  
Salta Argentina  
Salvador Brazil  
Santa Cruz Bolivia  
Santiago Chile  
Santiago Chile West  
Santos Brazil  
São Paulo Brazil  
São Paulo East Brazil  
Teresina Brazil  
Trujillo Peru  
Vitória Brazil

