

Ordinances Ready

Updates and Algorithms

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For members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the ultimate temple and family history goal is to provide saving ordinances for our ancestors. This can happen by serving as proxy for an ancestor in person, or by sharing a reserved ordinance with the temple.

For various reasons, it can be difficult to identify an ancestor needing ordinances. Ordinances Ready can help.

ORDINANCES READY

Released in 2018, this feature makes it possible to take family names to the temple and find reservations easily.

How Ordinances Ready Searches for Names

Ordinances Ready uses a special priority order to show you the temple names that are related to you, or as connected to you, as possible. When it searches Family Tree to find temple opportunities, the program tries to find ones that are most relevant first.

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An update was released in April 2022 to make reserving ordinances simpler and more meaningful. Now Ordinances Ready will find ward and stake names for you when a closer relative cannot be found.

Algorithm

The algorithm behind Ordinances Ready prioritizes reservations in the following order:

1. Reservations from you *My Reservations* list
2. Shared reservations from *Family Groups*
3. Other reservations that have been shared by you
4. Your relatives whose reservations have been shared with the temple
5. Your relatives on Family Tree who have ordinance reservations available
6. Reservations from members in your ward and stake shared with the temple
7. General names shared with the temple from members around the world

Temple Reservations and Ordinances Ready

Coordination efforts between the Temple Department and the Family History Department has paired the two invitations of Scheduling a Temple Appointment and using Ordinances Ready on the following sites:

- [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org)
- Member Tools
- [FamilySearch.org](https://www.FamilySearch.org)
- Family Tree App

Ability to Select Ordinances Update

As of November 2022, it is possible to specify which sex you are searching for when selecting an ordinance type.

This allows members to use Ordinances Ready to reserve ordinances and print cards for both sexes. This can be helpful when printing family name cards for others.

At the temple, patrons will still only be able to complete vicarious temple work for individuals of the same sex.

If friends, or family, want to find ordinances for their own ancestors using Ordinances Ready, they will need to log into their own FamilySearch account.

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