

Tallahassee Florida Temple Facts



Address: 2440 Papillion Way
Tallahassee, Florida, 32309

Temple Announced: April 5, 2020

Groundbreaking: June 5, 2021

Public Open House:
Nov. 4–23, 2024 (excluding Sundays)

Dedication: Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024

Property Size: 4.97 acres

Building Size: 29,255 square feet

Building Height: 125 feet, including the spire

Architect: Barnett Fronczak
Barlowe & Shuler Architects

Interior Design: GSBS Architects

Contractor: Parkway C&A, LP

The Tallahassee Florida Temple will be the 202nd operating temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and one of five temples in Florida that are in operation, are under construction, or have been announced. The others are or will be located in Fort Lauderdale, Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa. The Tallahassee temple will serve more than 30,000 members of the Church in 77 congregations.

EXTERIOR FEATURES

BUILDING: The temple is a steel-frame structure clad with precast concrete. The steel was fabricated by Allstate Steel of Jacksonville, Florida, and installed in collaboration with Cutting Edge Welding and Fabricating of St. Augustine, Florida. The exterior precast concrete was manufactured by GATE Precast of Monroeville, Alabama, and installed by Precision Stone Setting of Hiram, Georgia. The metal cupola was manufactured by Munns Manufacturing Inc. of Tremonton, Utah.

LANDSCAPING: The grounds feature native or otherwise historically significant plants. Key tree species include the iconic live oak; two varieties of magnolias, whose foliage is depicted in the temple architecture; and historic crape myrtles. Bald cypress was used in the stormwater facility for its adaptability to drought and flood conditions, joined by several varieties of pines and understory trees typical of the surrounding native landscapes.

Azalea, an iconic plant for the area, is the signature shrub found throughout the temple grounds in eight varieties. The azalea was paired with native grasses such as muhly and fakahatchee and non-natives such as fountain grass for variety and a soft texture. The landscape was designed by Halff Associates Inc. and installed by Conrad Design and Landscape Inc., both located in Tallahassee.

INTERIOR FEATURES

FLOORING: The carpet is a combination of broadloom, carved Axminster carpet, and carpet tile. Gold and cream are the prominent carpet colors. Bentley Mills of California manufactured the general broadloom and carpet tile. The flooring was installed by Re:Source Utah Commercial Flooring Systems of Salt Lake City. The Axminster carpets, used in the celestial, sealing and ordinance rooms, were designed in collaboration with Royal Thai and produced in Thailand. The design and carving details are based on historic carpet patterns. The Axminster carpet design includes leaf lattice, palm fronds, magnolia flowers and interlocking key patterns.

Hand-tufted rugs are used in the entry, bride's room and non-patron waiting rooms and feature palm frond and magnolia rosette designs. Rugs International of Cartersville, Georgia, collaborated in designing the rugs.

STONE: Latte marble from Turkey is the dominant stone, used as the field tile and ordinance room base. Gray Cloud stone and Silver Screen vein-cut marble from China are used as base and accent tile and for borders. Stone tile patterns are based on historic geometric tile patterns from the mid-1800s. The Silver Screen and Latte marble were manufactured by Daltile of Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Gray Cloud stone was distributed by Arizona Tile. All were installed by Peritia Stone of Waterloo, Iowa.

WALLS: Carving and decorative paint patterns include the guilloche, magnolia rosette, bell flower, bead and reel, egg and dart, and dentil as seen in mid-1800s local architecture. Paint colors are consistent with other decorative elements throughout the temple. The painting was done by John Petersen Painting Inc. of Orem, Utah. The decorative paint and gilding were finished by Finessed Finishes of Mapleton, Utah. The decorative plaster was installed by Signature Designs of Alpine, Utah.

ART GLASS DESIGN: Art glass was designed in collaboration with Holdman Studios of Lehi, Utah. The arched glass transom above the main celestial room doors features a radial pattern with a central magnolia flower. The design includes carved gold palmette scroll vine borders.

DECORATIVE LIGHTING: The lighting was designed in collaboration with Ciana Lighting of Heber, Utah, based on historic mid-1800s designs, including lanterns, bowls, sconces and crystal light fixtures. Light fixtures in the baptistry feature a carved magnolia rosette and acanthus leaves. Lantern fixtures in the ordinance rooms include floral swags, carved acanthus leaves, urns and magnolia rosettes. Bride's room light fixtures include a cut crystal bowl and candlestick arms with carved acanthus leaves. Chandeliers and sconces in the celestial and sealing rooms include Egyptian cut crystals, carved acanthus leaves and candlestick arms. Most fixtures are made of bronze but finished to look like brass. All were installed by Nelson Electric of Rigby, Idaho.

BAPTISMAL FONT RAILINGS: The baptistry font railings are based on historic fence design from the 1860s. The top handrail is mahogany wood with a glass infill. The metal is made of bronze but finished to appear like antique brass, with a diamond panel emphasizing a carved magnolia rosette in the center. The railings were manufactured and installed by Smith Design and Manufacturing of Gunter, Texas.

DOORS AND HARDWARE: Door hardware is based on historic hardware produced by Rocky Mountain Hardware of Hailey, Idaho. The design includes an arched backplate and a scroll lever with a bead border. The pull, also based on traditional hardware, includes fluting and carved flourishes. This hardware was made from bronze material but finished to appear like antique brass. The exterior doors were manufactured by Ellison Bronze of Falconer, New York, and installed by Miller Glass of Tallahassee, Florida. The interior doors were manufactured by Masonite of Tampa, Florida, and installed by A.E.R. Woodworking of Cedar City, Utah.

CEILINGS: The celestial room ceiling is constructed of glass-fiber-reinforced gypsum (GFRG) manufactured by Casting Designs Inc. of Fort Worth, Texas. The focal point is a large central oval dome bordered by a curved perimeter ceiling with panelized beams. The baptistry, instruction rooms and bride's room include stepped gypsum ceilings with centered plaster ceiling medallions, featuring fan, palmette and acanthus leaf designs. The ceilings' embellishments include carved palmette, bell flower, guilloche and magnolia rosettes. Most of these ceilings are constructed of gypsum board and metal studs with GFRG decorative elements. Daw Construction Group of Draper, Utah, installed the gypsum and acoustic ceilings.

MILLWORK: The millwork design includes the classical detailing of Palladian-style columns and moldings. The design also features decorative carvings based on the designs of local architecture from the 1860s, such as magnolia rosettes, as well as the classical detailing of the egg and dart, bead and reel, dentil, carved acanthus leaf and palmette moldings. The millwork was manufactured by Fetzer Architectural Woodworking of West Valley City, Utah, and installed by A.E.R. Woodworking of Cedar City, Utah.

ARTWORK: The temple's original artwork includes "That They May Be Called Trees of Righteousness, the Planting of the Lord, That He May Be Glorified (Isaiah 61:3)" by Josh Clare and "She Offered All, Even All Her Living" by Heather Edwards.



ELDER NEIL L. ANDERSEN

Apostle



Neil L. Andersen was born on Aug. 9, 1951, in Logan, Utah, and raised in Pocatello, Idaho. He served as a full-time missionary in Paris, France, and then attended Brigham Young University, where he was a

Hinckley Scholar, and earned a Master of Business Administration from Harvard University.

Neil L. Andersen married Kathy Williams Andersen in the Salt Lake Temple on March 20, 1975, and they are the parents of four children.

Prior to his call to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Elder Andersen served as mission president in Bordeaux, France; as a stake president in Tampa, Florida; and as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy and a General Authority Seventy for 16 years, serving in the United States, Europe and Brazil.

After completing his education, Elder Andersen settled in Tampa, Florida, where his business interests included advertising, real estate development and health care.

Kathy Williams Andersen is a fourth-generation Floridian who was born and educated through high school in Hillsborough County, Florida.



ELDER KEVIN R. DUNCAN

General Authority Seventy



Elder Kevin R. Duncan was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 3, 2010. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Fifth

Quorum of the Seventy in the Utah South Area. He previously served as President of the Central America Area. He is currently serving at Church headquarters as Executive Director in the Temple Department.

Elder Duncan has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in Chile, temple ordinance worker, service missionary as the associate international legal counsel in South America, president of the Chile Santiago North Mission and Area Seventy.

Elder Duncan received a bachelor's degree in accounting, a master's degree in taxation, and a Juris Doctor from Brigham Young University in 1991. He began his career as a tax attorney in Seattle, Washington. In 1996 he founded CaseData Corporation, from which he retired in 2005.

Kevin Read Duncan was born in Ogden, Utah, on Oct. 6, 1960. He married Nancy Elizabeth Smart in June 1986. They are the parents of five children.



ELDER STEVEN R. BANGERTER

General Authority Seventy



Elder Steven R. Bangerter was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 31, 2018. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Fifth Quorum of the Seventy in the Utah South Area. Elder

Bangerter is currently serving as assistant executive director in the Temple Department and in the North America Central Area Presidency. Previously, he served in the Philippines, North America West, and North America Northwest Area Presidencies. Elder Bangerter has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Canada Vancouver Mission, ward Young Men president, elders quorum president, high councilor, bishop, counselor in a stake presidency, stake president and Area Seventy.

Elder Bangerter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in religious studies from Arizona State University in 1989. In 1993 he received a Juris Doctor degree from the Western State University College of Law. His 25-year legal career focused on representing churches and other faith-based organizations throughout the United States.

Steven R. Bangerter was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 29, 1961. He married Susan Alexis Hughes in 1983. They are the parents of six children.



ELDER AHMAD S. CORBITT

General Authority Seventy



Elder Ahmad S. Corbitt was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the April 2023 general conference. At the time of his call, he was serving as First Counselor in the Young Men General Presidency.

Elder Corbitt has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Puerto Rico San Juan Mission, primary teacher, youth leader, elders quorum president, high councilor, counselor in two stake presidencies, stake president, and president of the Dominican Republic Santo Domingo East Mission.

Elder Corbitt received a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Richard Stockton University of New Jersey in 1989 and a Juris Doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law in 1993. He has worked as a trial attorney, as vice president and general counsel for a New York public relations firm and as executive director of corporate communications and government relations and associate general counsel for a Delaware company. He directed the Church's New York Office of Public and International Affairs and, most recently, trained mission leaders as an area mission specialist.

Ahmad Saleem Corbitt was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Aug. 16, 1962. He married Jayne Lillian Joslin in 1985. They are the parents of six children.



ELDER MASSIMO DE FEO

General Authority Seventy



Elder Massimo De Feo was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 2, 2016. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a member of the Third Quorum of the Seventy in the Europe Area. He is

currently serving in the North America Southeast Area Presidency.

Elder De Feo has served in numerous Church callings, including full-time missionary from 1981 to 1983 in the Italy Rome Mission, branch president, district president, counselor in a bishopric, stake high councilor, stake president and Area Seventy.

After serving as a full-time missionary, he began his career in international relations at the American Embassy in Rome. Elder De Feo was a member of several committees of the U.S. government for bilateral agreements on Social Security and worked as the federal benefits operations supervisor at the American Embassies in Rome and Paris for more than 30 years. He also worked as the deputy regional officer of the Social Security Administration for the Europe South, North Africa and Middle East regions.

Massimo De Feo was born in Taranto, Italy, on Dec. 14, 1960. He married Loredana Galeandro in August 1984. They are the parents of three children.



BROTHER TICHAONA "T" MATEWA

Communication Director, Florida Tallahassee Communication Council



Tichaona Matewa serves as the communication director in the Florida Tallahassee Communication Council, which covers the Panama City, Fort Walton, Pensacola, Tallahassee, Dothan and Tifton areas. Tichaona has served in several Church callings, including full-time missionary in the South Africa Johannesburg

Mission, elders quorum secretary, elders quorum instructor, ward mission leader, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School president, branch president, stake Young Men secretary, counselor in a Young Men presidency, assistant director in the Tallahassee Florida Communication Council and assistant communication director in the Florida Jacksonville Coordinating Council.

Tichaona was born in New York, New York, but his family is from the Tallahassee area, where he attended Amos P. Godby High School and Florida A&M University, receiving his bachelor's degree in political science. Having been involved in training, networking and building community relationships for government, educational and workforce entities, he has always been able to build relationships of trust and relate to people easily. He speaks several languages, including Spanish, Zulu and Afrikaans. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. and has a second-degree black belt. He currently works as a Kemper Life Insurance agent.

Tichaona and his wife, Keriane, are the proud parents of four children and the grandparents of five grandchildren.



SISTER BETH SUNDSTROM

Young Women President, Tallahassee Florida Stake



Beth Sundstrom is a native of Tallahassee, Florida, and a fourth-generation member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Florida Panhandle. She attended Kate Sullivan Elementary, Raa Middle School and Lincoln High. She went to college at the University

of West Florida in Pensacola and graduated from Florida State University with a degree in public relations.

In her professional life, she worked as a communication specialist for Florida Healthy Kids Corporation and as a special events manager for the American Cancer Society. She and her husband, Chris, also worked as night managers for the Tallahassee Ronald McDonald House while Chris attended medical school at Florida State University. She currently serves in the Church as the Young Women president in the Tallahassee Florida Stake, which encompasses congregations in Tallahassee and six other neighboring towns.

Sister Sundstrom spends much of her free time volunteering at local schools, hospitals and other care facilities with her yellow lab, Lucky, who is a Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare animal therapy dog.

She married Chris Sundstrom on April 29, 1999. They are the parents of three daughters: Caroline, Kate and Georgia.



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