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- [www.mormon.org](http://www.mormon.org) - Designed for those not of our faith.
- [www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org) - Designed to help members of our faith, but open to all.
- [www.mormontabernaclechoir.org](http://www.mormontabernaclechoir.org) - Audio and video of the Choir’s favorite performances.
- [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) - Access to genealogy research.
- [www.mormonchannel.org](http://www.mormonchannel.org) - Uplifting programs.
- [www.mormonnewsroom.org](http://www.mormonnewsroom.org) - Latest news of the Church
We Follow Jesus Christ

- Son of God, The perfect example
- Creator
- Jehovah of the Old Testament
- Savior and Redeemer of the whole world
  - Resurrection
  - Atonement
  - Without His grace we are lost
- We worship Him
- We do all things – including prayer – in His name.
- He is the “Chief Cornerstone” of the Church (Eph 2:20)
A Dispensation

“A dispensation of the gospel is a **period of time**
in which the Lord has at least one **authorized servant**
on the earth who bears **the holy priesthood and the keys**, and who has a divine commission **to dispense the gospel**
to the inhabitants of the earth.

Major dispensations are usually preceded by a **“falling away”**
of some kind. (2 Thes 2:3) (Bible Dictionary, p. 657-8.)
Major Dispensations of Time

Adam

Noah

Abraham

Moses

Jesus Christ

“The Meridian of Times”

Joseph Smith, Jr

“The Fulness of Times” (Eph 1:10)
Apostasy and Restoration

Apostasy
- Individual apostasy, Group apostasy
- The “Great Apostasy” (2 Thes 2:3) The Dark Ages

Restoration
- Apostasy creates the need for a restoration.
- Restoration vs. Reformation
Joseph Smith, Jr.
The Prophet of the Restoration

- Born: December 23, 1805, Sharon, VT
- Died: June 27, 1844, Carthage, IL (Aged 38)
- First Vision: Spring 1820 (Aged 14)
- Published the Book of Mormon: March 26, 1830 (Aged 24)
- Organized the Church: April 6, 1830 (Aged 24)
The First Vision - Setting

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

(James 1:5)

Palmyra, NY
The First Vision
The Book of Mormon
Restoration of the Priesthood

John the Baptist
The Aaronic Priesthood

Peter, James, and John
The Melchizedek Priesthood
# Priesthood Line of Authority

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Organization of the Church

- April 6, 1830
- Peter Whitmer, Sr. Farm
- Fayette, NY
- 56 people invited
- 6 Baptized as first members
- Patterns set continue today
Geography: Northeastern US
“Go to the Ohio” – The Gathering

- Gathering to create a “critical mass” foundation - 1831
- First Temple
- Missionary work expanded
  - Native Americans
  - Eastern US & Canada
  - England
- Founding revelations received and published
- School of the Prophets