Geography: Great Lakes Region
Establishing Zion in Missouri

- Two Centers of Church Activity
- Persecution: Eliminate the “Mormon Scourge”
- Haun’s Mill Massacre
- Governor Bogg’s Extermination Order
- Joseph Smith jailed in Richmond and Liberty jails.
- Exodus to Illinois
Nauvoo: The “City Beautiful”

- Church Centers consolidated - 1839
- Church organization expanded – wards & stakes
- The Relief Society established
- The Nauvoo Temple
- Family history work initiated
- 1,000’s gathered – largest city in Illinois
Polygamy

- Commandment revealed in the Nauvoo era.
- Tightly regulated by Church leadership.
- Not widely practiced.
- Discontinued in 1890.
- Members may not practice polygamy today.

Joseph F. Smith, Joseph Smith, Jr.’s nephew and 6th President of the Church, and his family.
Geography: Illinois, Missouri & Iowa
The Martyrdom

June 27, 1844
Succession of the Presidency

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
Succession of the Presidency

Prophet

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
Succession of the Presidency
Leaving Nauvoo – The Trek West

- February 4, 1846
- Winter Quarters
- Mormon Battalion
- The Good Ship Brooklyn

- Pioneer Day – July 24, 1847
- “It is enough. This is the place.”
- Handcart Pioneers
- “Come, Come Ye Saints”
Pioneers

Briant Stringham
Come, Come Ye Saints

+ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ia3gYSvG8M
Salt Lake City

“The Mountain of the Lord’s House”

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.” (Isaiah 2:2)
Growth of the Church
In Summary

- We follow **Jesus Christ**.
- **The Church** – A religious organization with a structure.
- **of Jesus Christ** – Belongs to and is led by Christ.
- **of Latter-day** – The (last) dispensation of the fullness of times.
- **Saints** – Followers of Christ (see Paul’s epistles).
- Joseph Smith – The prophet of the restoration.
- The Book of Mormon – Another Testament of Jesus Christ.
- Brigham Young – Successor to Joseph Smith.
- Living Prophets Today – The heavens are open, continuing revelation.
Next Classes

- **June 25, 2015**: The Plan of Salvation and Mormon Temples.
- **July 2, 2015**: The Articles of Faith – Basic tenets.
- **July 9, 2015**: The Standard Works – Sacred texts.
  - The Bible
  - The Book of Mormon
  - The Doctrine and Covenants
  - The Pearl of Great Price
- **July 16, 2015**: Optional Field Trip – Washington, DC Temple Visitor’s Center
Meet the Mormons

Class 1: Origins of the Church

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