'Log in' to LDS sites

Get Going on Your Family History

What is FamilySearch?
"FamilySearch is a nonprofit family history organization dedicated to connecting families across generations. FamilySearch believes that families bring joy and meaning to life."

To get to FamilySearch, go here https://familysearch.org/ - click on '*Sign In'* in the upper right-hand corner. Then click on '*LDS Account'*. This takes you to another page - click on the words: '*Register for an LDS Account*" (in blue). This takes you to yet another page - click on '*Register as a Member'*, if you have a friend who is not LDS, they would click on '*Register as a Friend*'. Another page will open - enter your '*Membership Record Number'*, and birthday. Write both your *ID* and *password* down– so it will be handy. This is your new *LDS Account*. Use this *ID* and *password* on other LDS sites where you have to sign in.
Need help while you are working on *FamilySearch*?? Click on '*Get Help'* – and call them, they're really nice.

What is Ancestry.com?
"*Ancestry.com* is the world's largest online resource for family history with approximately 2.7 million subscribers. It has billions of historical records. Connect with cousins on the world's largest online community of people who have created more than 60 million family trees". Now free for members.

What is findmypast?
"*Findmypast* offers more than 1.8 billion international family history records from the U.S., Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, and beyond with records back to A.D. 1200". Also free.

What is MyHeritage?
"*MyHeritage* is designed to help you discover unknown ancestors from all around the world. Combining rocket-science technology, millions of international family trees, and exclusive global record collections, *MyHeritage* automatically finds new family tree connections and historical records for you, making family history research easier than ever". Also free.

How do I get onto the *Ancestry/ findmypast/ MyHeritage* pages?
Type this in: Familysearch.org/partneraccess, and click either the '*Sign up'* button or the '*Join'* button for *Ancestry.com*, *findmypast*, or *MyHeritage*. You can use the same password for these three sites, but be sure to make it a different password than the one you choose for your *LDS Account*.

What is Indexing?
Indexing turns a census, marriage, or death record into being online, and searchable. Prophets and apostles have especially encouraged our youth to do this work, but anyone can. When you do, you will feel the strong spirit of family history. There are plenty of training videos to get you started.
https://familysearch.org/indexing/

What is a Family History Consultant? Our Ward's Family History Leader is _____. She, and our ward's Family History Consultants will actually come to your home and help you get going on your Family History. She is also organizing meetings for group training, and to share tips, tricks, and successes. You can always meet at the Church for help. Here are the hours when our ward's Family History Library is open:
Tuesday 12-4pm - Wed 6-8pm (members only) - Thurs 12-4pm - And *anytime* by appointment.
If you get in a bind while in *FamilySearch* click on *'Get Help'* in the upper-right hand corner and call them.

Other Family History Sites:
Puzzilla- find cousins:**http://broadcast.lds.org/elearning/fhd/Local_Support/Puzzilla/Demo2.mp4**
***Relative Finder*: https://roots-fb.cs.byu.edu/**

LDS.org, and More

What is an *LDS Account*?
An *LDS Account* provides you with a one user name and password to access all Church websites. You can find it here: https://ldsaccount.lds.org/login, or through the process of registering for *FamilySearch*. There are many sites on lds.org that require a sign-in, here are a few:
Family History: http://familysearch.org
Online Store - http://store.lds.org
***LDS Jobs*:** https://www.ldsjobs.org
LDS Tools – more on this below
Gospel Library – more on this below
10 Cool Things You Can Do With an *LDS Account*: https://tech.lds.org/forum/download/file.php?id=2493

What is *LDS.org*?
"LDS.org is the official website of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Church has established many websites for reference, administration, collaboration, and missionary work". Find official Church policy here: **http://www.mormonnewsroom.org/**

For Children:
https://www.lds.org/friend
https://www.lds.org/children/resources/type/music-resources
Scripture Stories
https://www.lds.org/children/videos/scripture-stories

What is *LDS Tools*?
The *LDS Tools* app provides members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with the ability to contact ward and stake members, access event calendars, and locate Church meetinghouses all on their mobile devices. This information is also available without a mobile device – go lds.org, click on 'Sign in/Tools. There you access the same information available on the app. Find the app here: https://www.lds.org/pages/mobileapps

What is the *Gospel Library*?
With the *Gospel Library* app, you can study, search, mark, and share scriptures. You can find general conference talks, find this week's lesson, hymns, *Children's Songbook*, church magazines, and more. *The Notes* feature in the *Gospel Library* app can also be found by going to *lds.org*, clicking on *'Sign in/Tools* - signing in and then clicking on *'Notes'*.
https://www.lds.org/pages/mobileapps.

What is the *Mormon Channel*?
The *Mormon Channel* is the media channel of the Church. The channel originates from Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah, and broadcasts 24/7. Content for the station comes from the archives of the Church, along with several new series created specifically for this station. http://www.mormonchannel.org/
Get the *Mormon Channel* app: http://www.mormonchannel.org/mobile
***Mormon Channel for Kids*:** http://www.mormonchannel.org/blog/the-new-mormon-channel-kids-app?cid=mckids-fb-link
http://www.mormonchannel.org/rss/more-videos

Do the Youth Have Their Own Site?
"LDS Youth is an official application of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints tailored to youth in a fun and engaging way. Also is a great resource for parents and leaders of youth".
***iPhone*: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lds-youth/id417803369?cid=YS-S-appios**
***Android*: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.lds.yth&hl=en&cid=YS-S-appandroid**
Youth *LDS Music* Downloads: https://www.lds.org/youth/music

Mormon Tabernacle Choir: http://www.mormontabernaclechoir.org
Duty to God: https://www.lds.org/young-men/duty-to-god
Personal Progress: https://www.lds.org/young-women/personal-progress
Family History Technology Lab: http://fhtl.byu.edu/projects/
My Family Booklet –https://familysearch.org/campaign/myfamily

What is *Mormon.org*? This site is meant to introduce our Church to the world.

What is ProvidentLiving.org? This is an official Church site providing information relating to physical welfare, including food storage, emergency preparedness, education, employment, and resources.

What are *Hashtags* ?
Several social media sites allow users to connect with others through the use of *hashtags*. *Hashtags* are represented by a pound sign (#) attached to keywords or topics. They create an easy way to connect similar content. Below are lists of popular *hashtags* used to connect and share gospel content.
#*ReliefSociety* #*Mormon* #*PresUchtdorf* (President Uchtdorf) #*ElderBednar* (Elder Bednar)
https://www.lds.org/church/share/goodness?cid=c:rd:ocs:shareGoodnessBednar

What is *Social Media* ?
"*Social media* are Internet sites where people share and discuss information about each other and their lives, using a multimedia mix of personal words, pictures, videos and audio".
https://www.lds.org/media-library/social

What is an *App* ?
App is short for a software application, a software program. *Apps* are downloaded, usually for free. They do particular tasks in limited ways making them fast and easy to use.
https://www.lds.org/pages/mobileapps

What is a *Blog* ?
Blogs started 1997. A *blog* is a shortened way to say web and log. Entries are called posts, and are in a chronological order. Visitors to a blogging site can leave comments.
https://www.lds.org/church/news/how-to-create-your-own-lds-blog
"Now in this day of the Internet, there are new and exciting ways you can do missionary work. You can invite friends and neighbors to visit the new mormon.org Web site. If you have blogs and online social networks, you could link your sites to mormon.org. And there you can create your own personal profile. Each profile includes an expression of belief, an experience, and a testimony. Because this is a new feature, most of these profiles are available in English. Profiles in other languages will follow.

"These profiles can have a profound influence for good. Two months ago a young man named Zac—a freshman in college—saw an ad for mormon.org on television in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He connected with the Web site and was intrigued by the profiles of Church members. At our Web site he found the link that informed him where he could attend church. The next Sunday, dressed in a white shirt and tie, he attended church, was introduced to members of the ward, and enjoyed all three hours of meetings. He was invited to a member's home for dinner, followed by his first missionary lesson. In less than two weeks, he was baptized and confirmed as a member of the Church. Welcome, Zac! (He is listening.)

What is *Facebook* ?
Created in 2004, *Facebook* is one of the largest social networking sites on the Internet. Users create a profile page and then connect it with the profile pages of their friends and family. They can share status updates, event invites, photos, videos, notes, and links to other websites.
https://www.facebook.com/ldsyouth?id=YS-S-facebook
https://www.facebook.com/MormonNewsroom

What is *YouTube*?
In 2005, *YouTube* began storing and sharing videos.
https://www.lds.org/media-library/accessing-media-youtube?lang=eng
https://www.youtube.com/user/LDSGeneralConference
https://www.youtube.com/user/MormonMessages
https://www.youtube.com/user/MormonMessagesYouth
https://www.youtube.com/user/MormonTabChoir
https://www.youtube.com/user/LDSPublicAffairs
https://www.youtube.com/user/familysearch
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiYEWS2x4V5Pv-_59Mtk6XA

What is *Twitter*?
Created in 2006, *Twitter* is a social networking and microblogging website. It allows users to "*tweet*," or broadcast, brief messages on their profile page. Users are able to connect with others by becoming a 'follower' of a another Twitter account
https://twitter.com/ldschurch
https://twitter.com/hashtag/templechallenge
https://twitter.com/BallardMRussell
https://twitter.com/HollandJeffreyR
https://twitter.com/BednarDavidA
#*templechallenge* from this talk: https://www.lds.org/topics/family-history/temple-challenge

What is *Tumblr*.?
Founded in 2007, *Tumblr* is a microblogging platform that allows users to share videos, audio clips, and photos, along with quotes and written posts.
https://www.tumblr.com/search/didyouthinktopray
https://www.tumblr.com/search/mormon+channel+kids
http://mormonchannel.tumblr.com/

What is *Instagram*?
Created in 2010, *Instagram* is a simple way to share life through a series of pictures, and short videos.
http://instagram.com/bofm365
http://instagram.com/p/wt3CIiDyCe/?modal=true
http://instagram.com/p/wr2aYRBzHN/?modal=true
http://instagram.com/p/wxDqLHmflm/?modal=true

What is *Pinterest*?
Created in 2012, *Pinterest* is an online visual bookmarking tool for collecting and storing ideas. A *"Pin"* refers to an item, represented by an image that links to other websites, recipes, news articles, tutorials, videos, etc.
https://www.pinterest.com/pin/57913545182596128/
https://www.pinterest.com/ldschurch/
https://www.pinterest.com/mormonchannel/
https://www.pinterest.com/mormontabchoir/

Keeping Safe and Balanced in a *Google*, *YouTube*, *Twitter*, *Facebook*, *iEverything* World:
https://www.lds.org/ensign/2012/02/keeping-safe-and-balanced-in-a-google-youtube-twitter-facebook-ieverything-world

Family Home Evening Lesson: http://overcomingpornography.org/spouses-and-families/the-spirit-can-help-me-choose-good-media?lang=eng&cid=HPFR122614590