

# 15. Help! I Want to Take My Family to the Temple

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## Reserving a Temple Name

There are several ways you can reserve a name to take to the temple. We will walk through the steps to do this with an emphasis on using Ordinances Ready. Ordinance Ready is a tool that simplifies finding names for the temple. This tool can be used on the Family Search app for both Android and IOS phones. It also can be used on your computer.

Ordinances Ready is designed to provide family name cards for the person signed in to the website or the Family Tree app. For example, if you are female, it only searches for ancestors who are female. Ordinances Ready does not search your spouse's family line.

### Steps using the Family Tree mobile app:

1. In the Family Tree mobile app, open your temple list:
  - Apple iOS: At the bottom of the screen, tap **Temple**.
  - Android: In the top-left corner of the screen, tap the **menu icon (3 lines)**, and then tap **Temple**.
2. At the bottom of the screen, tap **Ordinances Ready**. If you do not see it, update your Family Tree mobile app.
3. Tap the ordinance that you want to do. The app scans for that ordinance.
4. Tap **View People**.
  - You can deselect any ordinances from this list that you do not want to reserve. Tap the **check mark** next to the individual's name.
5. (Optional) Take some time to learn more about each person on the list:
  - To see more about the person, tap **View Person**.
  - To see how you are related, tap **View Relationship**.
6. When you are finished, tap **Continue**.
7. If the Church Policy screen appears, read it carefully. If you agree to abide by the policy, tap the **box**. Then tap **Add to Reserved Family Names**. A 16-digit number appears.
8. To send the cards to your printer, tap **View Cards**. Otherwise, write down the 16-digit number, and take it to the temple. A temple worker can print the cards for you.

## Steps using the website

1. While signed in to [FamilySearch](#), click **Temple**.
2. Click **Ordinances Ready**.
3. Click the ordinance that you want to do. The app scans for that ordinance.
4. Click **Take to the Temple** underneath the ordinance you want to do.
  - A box appears with instructions on how to print your family name card. If you have no printer, you receive a 16-digit family ordinance number.
  - Write down the number and take it to the temple.
  - Click **Continue**.
5. Print out the family name card if you have a printer.
6. (Optional) Take some time to learn more about each person on the list:
  - To see more about the person, click the person's name, and then click **Person**.
  - To see how you are related to him or her, click **View My Relationship**.

## How many ordinances can I reserve?

The Ordinances Ready feature finds enough ordinances for your next temple session:

- 4 or 5 baptisms and confirmations
- 3 to 5 initiatories
- 1 endowment
- Up to 5 sealings to spouse
- Up to 10 sealings to parents

Note:

Ordinances have different icons depending on how long they remain on your reservation list. The icon with a clock expires in 90 days. The icon without a clock means that the reservation expires in 2 years.

If you decide not to perform the ordinances reserved using Ordinances Ready, please unreserve the ordinances. You cannot share ordinances found through Ordinances Ready with another person.

Ordinances Ready does not determine if pre-requisite ordinances have been completed when sealing-to-spouse ordinances are requested. Please ensure that baptism, initiatory and endowment have been completed for each individual before proceeding with a sealing ordinance.

## Where are the names chosen from?

Ordinance Ready looks in these places:

- **Your family names list (or "temple list" or "reservation list").** These are family names that you have reserved in Family Tree. They are on your family names list.
- **Family names that you shared with a family group.** These are names that you reserved and then shared with a family group.
- **Family names that have been shared with a family group that you belong to.** These are names that someone else shared with a family group that you belong to.
- **Your family names that you shared with the temple.** These are names that you reserved in Family Tree and then shared with the temple. They are on your family names list. As long as a temple has not yet printed a shared name, the Ordinances Ready feature can unshare the name so you can print the card.
- **Names of people who are related to you that have been shared with the temple by someone else.** These names are in your tree and were reserved by someone else and then shared by that other person with the temple.
- **"Green temples" from your tree.** These are names that Ordinances Ready finds by scanning 10 generations of your ancestors and 5 generations of their descendants for incomplete ordinances. The ordinances have not yet been reserved by anyone. If you were to look in Family Tree, the name would have a green temple icon. Before giving you one of these ordinances, FamilySearch makes sure no possible duplicates exist for the record.
- **Names not related to you that have been shared with the temple.** If no ordinances are available from other sources, Ordinances Ready will retrieve available ordinances that have been submitted to the temple by any patron. These ordinances from temple inventory will be provided in the same order they were submitted to the temple. You can perform ordinances for these individuals to whom you may or may not have a direct relationship.

**Note:** Ordinances Ready will not find names from a spouse's family tree. If you would like to print family name cards on behalf of a spouse, or some other individual you are helping, consider requesting permission to become that person's helper and adding his or her name to your Planner. This would enable you to use Ordinances Ready on his or her behalf.

## **Correct order of temple ordinances**

Vicarious ordinances performed out of sequence are valid, but they become effective only after the prerequisite ordinances are completed.

The FamilySearch Family Tree website enforces the correct order of individual ordinances: baptism, confirmation, initiatory, and endowment.

It is preferred that sealings be done after individual ordinances, but it is not required. Family Tree does not enforce the order of sealings for deceased persons. A deceased couple can be sealed before their individual ordinances are done. Likewise, a deceased child can be sealed to deceased parents before the parents are sealed and before the parents' individual ordinances are done.

If a sealing ordinance was done out of order, you should simply make sure that the rest of the ordinances get done. You do not need to report the issue to FamilySearch Support. Nor do you need to redo the sealing. The sealing becomes valid after the individual ordinances are done.