



The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints
**Bakersfield, California
Temple**

12310 Stockdale Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93314

- The Bakersfield temple will serve over 21,000 church members in the areas surrounding Bakersfield including San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Porterville, and Ridgecrest.
- Members currently travel to the Los Angeles temple which is 2.5 hours away.
- The temple is single story and approximately 30,000 square feet in size. At full capacity, the temple will accommodate a maximum of 510 patrons daily between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Temple engineers and architects have complied with all Bakersfield ordinances, including those regarding lighting and land use. The habitable building structure coupled with the unoccupied spire total 123.5 feet. Bakersfield ordinances, together with federal and state laws, allow places of worship the ability to be constructed at the heights currently proposed.
- Most municipalities have ordinances that limit structure height in specifically zoned areas. State and federal laws allow any religious organization (including the Church) to seek additional height for a religious building if it is important to its ability to worship. Making such a request is common for religious buildings because most are built near or within neighborhoods where home heights are limited to 30 or 35 feet and few religious buildings are built at that height (especially those with a spire, steeple, bell tower, etc.).
- The temple and grounds are proposed to have nighttime lighting, but the lighting is designed so that there are no measurable light levels encroaching adjacent properties.
- Initial traffic analysis predicts no appreciable impact on traffic patterns due to temple activity.
- The temple location is on Stockdale Hwy and Jewetta Ave, across from Aera Park. And adjacent to the Eagle Oaks Specialty Care Center and Bakersfield Christian High School
- A community outreach meeting was held on July 9th, 2024, to address concerns held by members of the adjacent community. More outreach meetings may be scheduled as necessary.