

Davis County Ex-Mormon meetup Sunday Feb 15, 2026, 02:30 PM

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How to Find us: Sunday **Feb 15, 2026** meetup is 02:30 PM at Smiths Marketplace, 1370 W 200 N, Kaysville, UT 84037. Entering Smith's turn right, take the up staircase on the right side of Starbucks, turn right on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs, take 10 strides passing the lockers to the conference room entrance on the right. **Contact:** Francis 'Nelson' Henderson, 858-668-6943, francisnh12@gmail.com



Our purposes: First, when leaving Mormonism, people often find that they no longer have community or support. Our goal is to provide support for each other and to build community. So, whether you are a member, or left the church recently, or have been out for years, or were never Mormon but are looking for community, come and socialize with us and share your story.

Secondly, we uncover the fallacies, deception, and misinformation employed by the LDS Church to gain control over our lives.

Invitation: [Mormonism's Crisis of Leadership](#)

Links: [Why Marshall Fired 600 Officers Before America Even Entered the War](#) (47:43)

When George C. Marshall assumed command of the United States Army in 1939, he inherited an institution unprepared for modern war. The Army's greatest weakness was not equipment or manpower — it was leadership. Senior officers had grown old in their posts. Promotions were based on seniority. Initiative had atrophied. Tradition had hardened into paralysis. Marshall described what he saw as “considerable arteriosclerosis.”

He did not despise these men. Many had served honorably. But he concluded that past service could not outweigh present incapacity. His governing principle was blunt:

“The measure must be today’s performance.”

Within two years, Marshall removed approximately 600 officers. Careers ended. Friendships dissolved. Political enemies multiplied. He was accused of destroying institutional memory. His answer was dry and devastating: he was eliminating arterial sclerosis.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints faces no German army. It faces something far more dangerous to its survival: a crisis of moral credibility.

The Church's crisis is not declining activity rates, shrinking missionary numbers, or cultural irrelevance. Its crisis is ethical legitimacy. It is led by a gerontocracy [selected for loyalty](#) (10:39), conformity, and institutional preservation, not for moral courage under conditions of evidentiary crisis.

The founding prophet abused power to secure sexual access to dozens of women and girls, many already married, many spiritually dependent upon him. These actions were concealed, denied, and later reframed



as “marriages.” The language itself is a moral evasion. When modern leaders use covenantal vocabulary to sanctify coercive relationships, they do not merely preserve history, they participate in its distortion.

The measure is not in one’s past but must be today’s performance.

- Can current leaders speak plainly?
- Can they say, without euphemism, that Smith’s authority was abused?¹
- Can they distinguish revelation from manipulation?
- Can they confess institutional deception in matters of history and doctrine?
- Can they repudiate the obedience theology that made dissent dangerous and conscience subordinate?²

The answer, after decades of evidence management, carefully worded essays, and institutional gaslighting, is clear: they cannot.

The problem is not merely age. It is insulation. It is lifelong immersion in a system that rewards institutional protection above institutional repentance. It is the psychological cost of admitting that one’s entire adult identity may be tethered to a flawed narrative. It is the human reluctance to confess error when confession undermines authority.

Marshall faced congressional backlash and social resistance. He risked his own position to remove unfit commanders. He understood that men would die if leaders could not lead.



In Mormonism, the casualties are not measured in battlefield statistics. They are measured in:

- Women whose autonomy was subordinated to priesthood command.
- LGBTQ youth driven into despair by doctrinal rigidity.
- Members shamed for doubt.
- Families fractured over historical truth.
- Consciences suppressed in the name of obedience.

The tragedy is not simply that leaders are elderly. It is that they have grown professionally incapable of repentance. They have become guardians of a narrative rather than shepherds of truth.

Marshall removed deadwood because survival required it. The LDS Church preserves deadwood because confession threatens control. If leadership depends purely on seniority, Marshall warned, you are defeated before you start.

The LDS system depends almost entirely on seniority.

Until moral courage is valued above institutional continuity — until truth is valued above reputation — the Church will continue to hemorrhage trust. Not because its critics are persuasive, but because its leaders refuse to apply Marshall’s principle to themselves. The measure is not one’s past but today’s performance.

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¹ [A Moral Critique](#) of Joseph Smith’s Secret Marriages to the Partridge Sisters, Francis N Henderson, June 2025
[FannyAlgerAffair-AdulteryDisguisedAsMarriage.pdf](#)

² [Personal sovereignty must exist if one is to be free](#), hence subject to judgement under the law.