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2 new Utah temples: Sites are S. Jordan, southwest S.L. Valley

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SOUTH JORDAN — The phones began ringing just after 10 a.m. Soon after, people began wandering into an information center for the 4,200-acre Daybreak development, located in South Jordan.

News that a new LDS temple will be built here spread fast.

During the opening session of the 175th Semiannual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Saturday, President Gordon B. Hinckley announced in the first few minutes that two new temples will be built in the Salt Lake Valley — one in the west (Daybreak); the other in the southwest.

The exact site for the temple at Daybreak was not announced, but South Jordan Mayor Kent Money said the temple would be located on a bluff that is west of the Bangerter Highway and north of the Daybreak entrance at 11400 South.

"There's a knoll there, and (the temple) will be right there," he said. "It will be very visible from the entire area. It's in a great location."

No specific location was announced for the planned southwest temple.

"Temple service is the end product of all our teaching and activity," said President Hinckley, in announcing the new temples. "You may ask why we favor Utah so generously. It is because the degree of activity requires it."

The church has 122 operating temples in 37 countries. The newly announced temples will be the fourth and fifth, respectively, in the Salt Lake Valley. The temple at Daybreak is the second in South Jordan, already home to the Jordan River Temple, dedicated in 1981.

Reaction to the announcement of new temples was mostly positive. A new temple typically means an increase in property values. It attracts family-oriented people, residents and community leaders say.



Crowds gather near the reflection pond on the Main Street Plaza after Saturday morning's session of LDS conference, which will conclude this afternoon.

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After the LDS Church announced last October that a new temple would be built in Draper, property values around the site — 2000 E. 14000 South — more than doubled. A similar rise in value happened in 1995 when a new LDS temple was announced in Bountiful.

"People, as soon as the LDS Church announced they would build a temple, clamored to get lots," said Tom Hardy, Bountiful city manager. "The prices went up significantly."

Tyler Thompson and his wife, Rebecca, live within the Daybreak community. After hearing President Hinckley's announcement, they came to an information center within Daybreak to see where the temple would be built.

"It's always been a big, big deal to have a temple in the neighborhood," said Thompson. "I'm thrilled."

Marissa and Christian Burrige, who live in Daybreak, came to the information center to see if they could "upgrade" their home and move to the location where the temple will be built. Dow Webb, of Murray, said the announcement will strongly influence whether he moves into the Daybreak development or not.

"It's more like when, not if," he said. "This looks like a good investment to live here over the long run."

Others were not as positive.

Carol Cetraro, broker for Front Gate Properties, said the church made an "unintentional error" by announcing Daybreak as the location for the new temple versus just giving the name of a city or general street coordinates for the site. Front Gate has several properties in the southwest portion of the Salt Lake Valley.

"What they did was just give a free \$10 million advertisement to Daybreak," said Cetraro. "A temple absolutely draws the people. I saw it happen in Draper firsthand, where the property values went up \$100,000 a lot overnight. That became the place where everyone wanted to be, and it filled up fast.

"It is an inexcusable advantage to use (announce) a name like Daybreak."

Scott Baskett, of Millcreek, said building a new temple was like a "double-edged" sword for people who are not members of the LDS Church. He and his girlfriend are considering whether to buy a home together in the Daybreak development.

"We don't see anything else here but LDS worship facilities," said Baskett, who was at the Daybreak information center on Saturday. "Building a temple here will make this (area) have more of a Mormon-feel, and the non-LDS may be excluded to some degree."

Vicki Varela, an official with Kennecott Land Co., said she has had conversations with other



President Gordon B. Hinckley leaves the Saturday morning session of conference.

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groups about building worship sites at Daybreak.

Said Peter McMahon, president of Kennecott Land, in a statement: "We are pleased that the LDS Church has chosen our community as a temple site. We want Daybreak to be the type of community where a diversity of religious people will choose to house their sacred buildings."

It is expected that more information on the new Salt Lake Valley temples will be announced by the church at a later date.

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