

The Legacy Lecture Series will commence its 2024/25 Season on Monday, October 7th at 12 noon in the St. George Tabernacle

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Dear Friends,

We are happy to announce that our first presentation of the 2024/25 **Legacy Lecture Series** will be held on Monday, October 7th at 12 noon in the St. George Tabernacle. The title of the presentation is: **The Remarkable Journey of Juanita Brooks**. Juanita Brooks' granddaughter, Sharla Brooks Moody, and Juanita's grandniece, Teresa Reber Bell, will present a captivating exploration into Juanita Brooks' personal life and legacy. Against the backdrop of the newly thriving city of St. George, Juanita Brooks played a vital role in nurturing the ragged edges of civilization by ensuring its growth and prosperity through her ability to gather and expose its earliest history. As Sharla and Teresa delve into Juanita's remarkable journey, they will uncover Juanita's tireless effort in research and advocacy, shedding light on her invaluable contributions to the Restoration movement. We will also explore her unwavering faithfulness and address persistent misconceptions to provide clarity.

Sharla Brooks Moody grew up in St. George. She was tutored in all things' family and history by her dad, Karl Brooks, while either living with or next door to her Grandma Juanita. Thanks to her parents and grandparents, Sharla had a front row seat in the classroom of community service and connection. Sharla graduated from Dixie High, Dixie College, and Southern Utah State College where she majored in English. She then taught English as an adjunct at SUU. She is married to Paul Moody and they have four children and five grandchildren. She loves spending time with family, and she loves old music, old people, and old stories. She has family history in her heart and red dirt between her toes, and hopes to pass both of these on to her children and grandchildren.

Teresa Reber Bell is a professor of German and Second Language Acquisition at BYU. She was born in Boulder City Nevada, to Kenneth and Janet Reber, and she is the eldest of eight siblings. She studied German and math at BYU, served in the Germany Frankfurt Mission, and earned an MA in German Literature. She later pursued doctoral studies at the University of Arizona. Teresa has been deeply inspired by her great-aunt Juanita Brooks since childhood and has emulated her path as a scholar and writer. Teresa's current research at BYU centers on successful language learning, and she frequently leads study abroad programs to Vienna, Austria. Teresa is married to Ryan Bell and they have two young adult children and a Yorkie.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us on Monday, October 7th.

Thank you sincerely,
Kevin Anderson