

Reno Nevada Stake Policy Regarding Scheduling Baptismal Services

In an effort to support home-centered and church-supported observance of the Sabbath Day, the Reno Stake Presidency requests ward and stake leaders schedule baptisms on a day other than Sunday. Handbook 2, 18.1 states “Leaders should ensure that Sunday meetings are not so numerous that there is little time for parents and children to be together on that day. Where possible, leaders should avoid scheduling Sunday meetings other than those in the standard three-hour schedule, leadership meetings in the early mornings, and occasional meetings in the evenings.”

Handbook 2, 20.3.4 also states, “Baptismal services should not be scheduled on Monday evenings.”

The Prophet and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have instructed us that the new Sabbath meeting schedule “allows more time for a home evening and to study the gospel at home”. In response to the prophet’s council, the Reno Stake has implemented “Sabbath Sacred Time” between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm every Sunday, during which time we request that no church meetings or activities be scheduled.

As we prioritize our Sunday time for individual, family, and group gospel study we are promised that the “Sabbath day will truly be a delight” and “we will obtain a deep and lasting conversion” to Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.