

*Follow Him!*



**Reno Nevada Stake**  
Ministering to All

# Called to Serve Newsletter

**January 2021**



## *A Message from the Zone Leaders*

*Elder Clyde &  
Elder Clifton*

We love this time of year. The time of change, resolutions, and new beginnings. It's a great time to reflect on who we want to become. A great example of change comes from the Nephites after King Benjamin's address. Mosiah 5:2 says, "And they all cried with one voice, saying: Yea, we believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually." They had a mighty change occur within them. They were going to do good continually. They changed, as they were touched by the Holy Spirit, and decided to be better. We can all experience this change as well. We can work on the little things here and there and then bigger things too! As we do this, we will be filled with joy, and we will have that mighty change in our hearts as well.

We appreciate all the work you all do for us and we are excited to work with you here in the Reno Stake! Please let us know if there's ever anything we can do to help out! We love you!



## *Spotlights from General Conference*

*We Talk of Christ  
Neil L. Andersen*

### **Speaking of Christ in Our Homes**

Are there images of the Savior in our homes? Do we talk often to our children about the parables of Jesus? "The stories of Jesus [are] like a rushing wind across the embers of faith in the hearts of our children." "We talk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, ... that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins."

### **Speaking of Christ in the Church**

This same scripture adds that "we preach of Christ."<sup>14</sup> In our worship services, let us focus on the Savior Jesus Christ and the gift of His atoning sacrifice....in our talks and class discussions.

### **Speaking of Christ with Others**

With those around us, let us be more open, more willing to talk of Christ. President Nelson said, "True disciples of Jesus Christ are willing to stand out, speak up, and be different from the people of the world." Be more open on social media in talking about your trust in Christ. Peter counseled, "Be ready always to give an answer [for] the hope that is in you."

Some of our fellow Christians are, at times, uncertain about our beliefs and motives. Let us genuinely rejoice with them in our shared faith in Jesus Christ and in the New Testament scriptures we all love. In the days ahead, those who believe in Jesus Christ will need the friendship and support of one another. As we share the light we have received from Him, His light and His transcendent saving power will shine on those willing to open their hearts. Jesus said, "I ... come [as] a light into the world."

**Member  
Missionary  
Spotlight:  
Shannyn  
Morris**

Hiii- so for those of you who don't know me, my name is Shannyn Morris. I'm in the Skyline Ward. I'm a senior in high school who if Covid wasn't a thing would be going to Wooster High School, however I've been doing school online, through North Star Online School. I love sports and hiking as well as just being with friends and family. I would like to share my testimony that I know without a doubt in my mind that this is the true church of Jesus Christ. Through Him we can all be perfected and return to live with Him again with our families. I know the Lord has a plan for me and that He is always with me, through the good and the bad. During quarantine I made a goal to study the scriptures more, seen as I had so much free time. I now have a pretty set schedule that allows me about 10 hours of scripture study each week. It has been so rewarding to do this because it has allowed me to be better qualified and informed when it comes to answering peoples gospel questions, especially my younger sisters. As I am now getting closer to graduating and serving a mission in October I know that the knowledge I am gaining now as well as the strong relationship I have with my Heavenly Father will not only bless me but those I share the gospel with as well!

PathwayConnect is a one-year, reduced-cost online program that prepares students to start or finish a degree. After Pathway Connect, students can apply their course credits toward a degree at BYU-Idaho Online. Contact Elder or Sister Fogelberg at 775.722.0508 or jim.fogelberg@mac.com or byupathway.lds.org

**Share with  
Pathway  
Connect**

In addition to our prior efforts to find those members that Pathway may serve, we are seeking non-members as well. Particularly, those in Part-Member families. They can remain non-members and take advantage of the education opportunity to improve their lives spiritually and temporally. We are presenting information to the full-time missionaries throughout Northern Nevada regarding education opportunities for non-members and using it as a tool to spread the Gospel. Please consider in your Ward Councils, briefly, if there are any non-members in your Wards/Branches that would benefit from Pathway.

**Upcoming  
Training**

**Sharing the Gospel on Both Sides of the Veil  
Combined Missionary & Temple and Family History Leaders  
Sunday January 24 from 3 to 4 pm**

**Invited Guests Include:**

Ward Mission Leaders, Ward Missionaries, EQ & RS Councilors and youth assigned to Missionary Work and Temple & Family History and all interested parties. Training will be broadcast for those participating remotely.

**Normal & Natural  
Ways to Share the Gospel**

*Lead out during this pandemic by being positive and present. Smile and show Faith. Intentionally connect with others.*

**Come Unto  
Christ in Reno**

<https://www.facebook.com/ComeuntoChristinReno/>  
Connect - Like - Follow - Share - Give Feedback

*Share a story about one of your ancestors on social media. Invite others to learn more about their own Family History.*

**LightTheWorld** ✨  
ONE BY ONE

**Light the World 2021**  
*Turn the challenge to #LightTheWorld every day into a New Year's resolution. Don't be afraid to share your goal online.*

## Training Spotlight

### **My New Calling:**

Learn your duty by utilizing the tools available at <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/>. Contact Bro. Hunsaker if you would like specific training for your calling. Attend regular training provided by the Stake.

### **Coordinate & Communicate:**

Hold Weekly Correlation Meetings to help coordinate efforts between members and missionaries and amongst the different auxiliaries.

### **Be Intentional In Efforts:**

Set specific goals and action plans to involve ward missionaries in finding, fellowshipping and reactivation efforts within the ward. Make plans to visit specific people.

### **Have a Plan and Share it with the Ward:**

Make sure to update your Ward Mission Plans with the Ward Council and share it with others. Determine specific ways to lead by example and inspire others to follow. Identify specific ways all members of the ward can participate.

### **Involve the Youth:**

Now is the time the Lord has set aside for the youth of His Church to start taking the lead and participating in the Greatest Work. Help each other learn our duties and look for creative specific ways in which the youth can get involved and lead out in this work.

### **Fellowship & Minister:**

Be consistent and intentional in helping new and returning members progress along the covenant path. Use the New and Returning Member Progress Form in Ward Council Meetings and correlation meetings. Assign the best Ministers to help strengthen, fellowship

## Closing Remarks by Bro. Hunsaker

One night I was driving home from work heading West in the fast lane of I-80. I suddenly felt a small prompting to change lanes. It was just a small nudge. Not a loud voice. Not overpowering or even repetitive. I simply just changed lanes. Seconds later a car went flying by me in the fast lane driving the wrong direction. It happened so fast I was almost not even startled by what just happened. I was grateful but intrigued at the same time. I wondered why the prompting was not stronger, louder, more forceful. I was reminded that the Lord is not in the strong wind, the earthquake or the fire but is a still small voice. (1 Kings 19:12) If we will follow the still small voice we will be guided to safety, we will be guided to the truth and we will be guided to others who are also willing to let God Prevail in their lives. They are all around us. The Lord has already placed us in the right place in the right time. Just look and open your mouth and it shall be filled. May we each pray for the courage to share the Light of Christ in Normal and Natural ways.

One of the normal and natural ways we can share the gospel with others is by speaking to others about Family History. We live in a time where the Spirit of Elijah is real and is very alive amongst both member and nonmember. This is not by accident. The hearts of the children are being turned to the fathers in our day. (Malachi 4:6) May we be united and connected to both our ancestors and each other in this great work.

There are many around us who have already begun to recognize and follow the Spirit of Christ in their lives and are being prepared even now to come unto Christ. Remember the Spirit of Christ is given to all men that they may know good from evil. (Moroni 7:16) Remember, that same spirit which saved my life is also at work in the lives of those around us. May your Light, the Spirit of Elijah, the Spirit of Christ and the promptings of the Holy Ghost work together to bring all unto God thru the Atonement of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.