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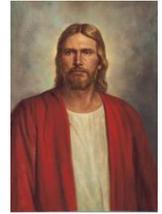
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“A Child is Born” by Bruce D. Porter



To read the full article, go to this [link](#).

More than 700 years before his birth, Isaiah prophesied of Christ in words memorialized by George Frideric Handel in the *Messiah* oratorio:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. [Isaiah 9:6]

In this one concise sentence, Isaiah foretold Christ’s birth; His Second Coming; His millennial reign; and His eternal mission as the mighty God and Father of our salvation.

Handel’s *Messiah* also brought to glorious musical life the following admonition, based on Isaiah:

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, . . .
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up thy voice with strength: lift it up, be
not afraid: say unto the cities of Judah,
Behold your God!* [Handel, “O Thou That
Tellest Good Tidings to
Zion,” *Messiah*; see Isaiah 40:9]

Brothers and sisters, join with me and behold your God! Behold your God, born as a little child in Bethlehem and wrapped in swaddling clothes. Behold your God, born in poverty and simplicity that He might walk among common people as a common man. Behold your God, even the infinite and eternal Redeemer, the Messiah, veiled in flesh and come to live upon the very earth that He created.

Return with me to that sacred first Christmas in Bethlehem to contemplate the birth of our Lord. He came in the quiet of the night, in the meridian of time, He who was Immanuel, the Rod of Jesse, the Dayspring, the Key of David, the very Lord of Might. His birth marked the promised visitation of the Creator to earth, the condescension of God to man. As Isaiah wrote of the event:

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. [Isaiah 9:2]



SACRAMENT MEETING

This week – 3rd Sunday, December 20th

Sacrament Services are held In-Person at 9 AM for up to 50 persons and a broadcast link^{††} for all members is located below. Youth activities are also virtual.

Families with last names beginning A-L can attend In-Person

Those not in attendance can watch a broadcast of the meeting from 9 am to 9:35 am that will include an opening hymn (instrumental only), invocation, announcements, ward and stake business, and talks. The broadcast will then end while the Sacrament is blessed and passed at the end of the meeting.

Here's the link to all broadcasts:

<http://mywebcast.churchofjesuschrist.org/Events/renonevadastake>

“And the church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls. And they did meet together oft to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus.”

~ Moroni 6:5-6

ELDERS QUORUM MEETING DECEMBER 27th @ 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97692918657?pwd=dXE5K21sQ2hnS0dpOGVJZFA3M0xaZz09>

Meeting ID: 976 9291 8657

Passcode: 8KpaA3

Given our current environment, this could be a great resource for any that want to expound their current education and propel themselves into a better future.

Please reach out with any questions to Bradford M. Backlund or Jim & Nancy Fogelberg (our stake representatives for this program), and we will do our best to assist you.

<https://www.byupathway.org/#video>

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One of the unique blessings of the pandemic is our ability to still share in Sunday worship services remotely.

We can also share the experience of Christmas worship with others by inviting them to join us either remotely or in person via our ward's broadcast link provided by your Bishop. Many of the wards have planned great musically and faith filled programs that make it easy to want to share with others, members and nonmembers, or those we minister to.

Please remind each other of the great opportunity to join with us for a special Christ based Sunday on December 20.

Please contact your Bishop for the specific link associated with your ward.

Bro. Hunsaker



For
more
info.
Go to
this
link.

Emergency Preparedness Note: Holiday Safety

Many more resources on the Stake website. Renonvstakeinfo.org > Stake > Preparedness

Holiday Gifts

Giving or getting a new tablet or smartphone? Download emergency preparedness apps and set up the emergency contact feature on your phone. www.fema.gov/mobile-app

- Buying Last Minute Gifts? Grab a flashlight and batteries to start an emergency supply kit. Get the entire list at: www.ready.gov/kit

Travel

Talk with family about who to call, where to meet and what to pack for an emergency this holiday season. www.ready.gov/plan

- If you're traveling by plane for the holidays, review TSA's security screening tips: www.tsa.gov/travel/travel-tips
- If you are packing for a flight, consider a small emergency kit: flashlight, batteries, & spare USB power bank.
- Prepare your car for winter weather before hitting the road for the holidays www.ready.gov/car
- On the road this winter? Fill out an emergency communications plan card and let your emergency contact know your plan: <https://www.ready.gov/collection/family-communication-plan>
- Are you taking your pets with you for the holidays? Add a few emergency items for your pets, like water and food. www.ready.gov/pets
- For safe travel with family over the holidays, think about your kids' needs when you pack. For resources for the entire family including educators check out: www.ready.gov/kids
- Pet travel tip: Pack something familiar like a toy or blanket to help alleviate stress. www.ready.gov/pets
- Traveling by car? Remember to pack an emergency supply kit www.ready.gov/car

Cooking Safety

- Unattended cooking is the leading factor in home cooking fires.
- Move things that can burn away from the stove. This includes dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper, and curtains.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so no one can bump them or pull them over.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the oven and keep the door closed until it is cool.
- Keep an eye on what you fry! Most cooking fires start when frying food.
- Be a safe cook this Holiday Season: wear short sleeves or roll them up so they do not catch on fire.
- Watch what you heat! Most house fires start in the kitchen.

Fire Safety

- Nearly 60% of home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material was left or came too close to the candle.
- Make sure to have working smoke alarms close to where anyone may be sleeping.
- Keep candles 12 inches away from things that can burn throughout the holiday season.
- Turn your holiday lights off before leaving home or going to bed. Every. Single. Time.
- Remember during the holidays, do not overload extension cords.
- Check the water and unplug lights on your Christmas tree before you go to bed.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- Keep your Christmas tree at least 3 feet away from heat sources.
- Consider using flameless candles during celebrations.
- Hanging holiday lights can be a fun family activity. Stay safe by avoiding potential fire dangers, and practice proper ladder safety.

Communication

- While family is together celebrating the holidays decide on an emergency safe meeting place. <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>
- Give the gift of communication this holiday with Family Emergency Communication Plan wallet cards: <https://www.ready.gov/collection/family-communication-plan>
- Give the gift of emergency preparedness. Teach kids what do before, during, and after a disaster. Download the curriculum to start planning: www.ready.gov/kids/educators

Cyber Safety

- Connect with care. Do your online shopping at home, and make sure your home wireless network is protected. <https://www.ready.gov/cybersecurity>
- Be cautious online. During the holidays, scammers may send fake emails that are too good to be true. Do not click on links! <https://www.ready.gov/cybersecurity>
- Set strong passwords and change your password often. Do not set passwords that will be easy for cyber criminals to guess. <https://www.ready.gov/cybersecurity>
- Too good to be true? It probably is. Shop online through trusted retailers to avoid getting scammed.

Thank you to Brother Ochs from Peavine Valley Ward for all the information.

Happy Safe Holidays!

Book of Mormon Testimonies

Hi Everyone,

Please use the link below to submit your 300 word testimony of the Book of Mormon. Participation has been pretty low, so I'm giving everyone two more weeks (until the end of the day on Sunday December 20th) before assembling the testimonies into one document. If you know someone that you minister who doesn't email or have a computer, encourage them to send me a handwritten testimony at 1140 Skyline Blvd. Reno, NV 89509. Thanks!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekXxvk2_g4JMWwVV7oYkGTbYOL1XxDgtuY72LDp7pdzCadFA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Sincerely,

Ryan Stodtmeister

EQ MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Ref Perez

We would like to extend another welcome the newest member of the Quorum and the Ward. Ref was recently baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on November 28, 2020. Ref is a young man of 48 years old and was born in Mexico. He has 3 kids: Jerry (22), Edith (20), and Joshua (7). Ref is a great handyman and loves his work. We encourage you to ask him about it. If you get the opportunity, reach out and introduce yourself.

Spiritual Reflection

I pray that the closing words of our prophet from the most recent General Conference can bring us all hope and peace during these challenging times.

"Now, my dear brothers and sisters, I bless you to be filled with the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ. His peace is beyond all mortal understanding. I bless you with an increased desire and ability to obey the laws of God. I promise that as you do, you will be showered with blessings, including greater courage, increased personal revelation, sweeter harmony in your homes, and joy even amid uncertainty.

May we go forward together to fulfill our divine mandate—that of preparing ourselves and the world for the Second Coming of the Lord."

Daniel Fuller
Roland Goode
Craig Andresen
Bill Horn

Family History Activity of the Week Challenge

My Name

Do you know the story behind your name? Knowing about your name can help give you a sense of identity. Names also connect us to our ancestors.

Go to this [link](#) for enticing and exciting activities for this challenge. Share your findings with the EQ Presidency to be featured in a future edition of the newsletter.