

The Divine Gift of Gratitude

This is a wonderful time to be on earth. While there is much that is wrong in the world today, there are many things that are right and good. There are marriages that make it, parents who love their children and sacrifice for them, friends who care about us and help us, teachers who teach. Our lives are blessed in countless ways.

We can lift ourselves and others as well when we refuse to remain in the realm of negative thought and cultivate within our hearts an attitude of gratitude. If ingratitude be numbered among the serious sins, then gratitude takes its place among the noblest of virtues. Someone has said that “gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.”

How can we cultivate within our hearts an attitude of gratitude? President Joseph F. Smith, sixth President of the Church, provided an answer. Said he: “The grateful man sees so much in the world to be thankful for, and with him the good outweighs the evil. Love overpowers jealousy, and light drives darkness out of his life.” He continued: “Pride destroys our gratitude and sets up selfishness in its place. How much happier we are in the presence of a grateful and loving soul, and how careful we should be to cultivate, through the medium of a prayerful life, a thankful attitude toward God and man!”

It is my prayer that in addition to all else for which we are grateful, we may ever reflect our gratitude for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His glorious gospel provides answers to life’s greatest questions: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where do our spirits go when we die? That gospel brings to those who live in darkness the light of divine truth.

He taught us how to pray. He taught us how to live. He taught us how to die. His life is a legacy of love. The sick He healed; the downtrodden He lifted; the sinner He saved.

Let us follow Him. Let us emulate His example. Let us obey His words. By doing so, we give Him the divine gift of gratitude.

President Thomas S. Monson
President of the Church
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My brothers and sisters, do we remember to give thanks for the blessings we receive? Sincerely giving thanks not only helps us recognize our blessings, but it also unlocks the doors of heaven and helps us feel God’s love.

Thomas S. Monson

Go to the stake website for more announcements:

<https://renostakeinfo.org>

Project Sweet Dreams

Collecting pajamas to donate to organizations that serve children in need in Northern Nevada. New pajamas of all sizes are appreciated. Please drop off at Jan Miller’s home, 4060 Falling Water Drive (775-250-7551) or Mary Elizabeth Hardy’s home, 2345 Eagle Bend Trail. Or you may call for pickup (775-233-7535)

Emotional Resilience Group Meetings for adults and youth starting Sunday, August 20, 3:30-5:00 PM, Golconda Building. Adults will meet in the Golconda Relief Society Room and youth will meet in the Golconda Young Women Room. The Golconda Building is located at 1095 Golconda Way, Reno, NV.

Please note, these classes are designed as a resource for individuals who want to improve emotional resilience in their lives.

Addiction Recovery Group Meeting – Tuesdays 7:00pm, High Council Rm
Family Support Group Meeting-Sundays 7:00pm, High Council Room
Questions? Call Jon Hiatt, High Council at 775-772-354

If you have an announcement, you would like added to the bulletin, send a text to Roy Blackburn at 775-399-0613

Skyline Ward

Russell Stodtmeister, Bishop	775-560-6850
Geoff Norby, 1 st Counselor	609-954-0444
Jeromy Ivie, 2 nd Counselor	775-560-1373
Jason Morris, Executive Secretary	775-343-2429
Aubrey Norby, R. S. Pres.	609-954-0364
William Horn, Elders Quorum Pres.	775-742-4210

Welcome and Announcements

- Presiding:* Bishop Russell Stodtmeister
- Conducting:* Brother Jeromy Ivie
- Organist:* Sister Melissa McMurray
- Director:* Brother Jay Chamberlain
- Opening Hymn:* #85 How Firm a Foundation
- Invocation:* T.B.A.
- Ward Business:* T.B.A.

- Sacrament Hymn:* #185 Reverently and Meekly Now

Passing of The Sacrament

- Speaker:* Sister Aubrey Norby
- Intermediate:* Special Musical Number
- Speaker:* Brother Roland Goode (HC)
- Closing Hymn:* #219 Because I Have Been Given Much

- Benediction:* T.B.A.