

The Wondrous and True Story of Christmas

What a glorious season is this time of Christmas. Hearts are softened. Voices are raised in worship. Kindness and mercy are reenthroned as elements in our lives. There is an accelerated reaching out to those in distress. There is an aura of peace that comes into our homes. There is a measure of love that is not felt to the same extent at any other time of the year.

My heart is subdued when I think of the great love of my Heavenly Father. How grateful I am to know that God loves us. The incomprehensible depth of that love found expression in the gift of His Only Begotten Son to come into the world to bring hope into our hearts, to bring kindness and courtesy into our relationships, and above all to save us from our sins and guide us on the way that leads to eternal life.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Eternal, Living God. None so great has ever walked the earth. None other has made a comparable sacrifice or granted a comparable blessing. He is the Savior and the Redeemer of the world. I believe in Him. I declare His divinity without equivocation or compromise. I love Him. I speak His name in reverence and wonder. I worship Him as I worship His Father, in spirit and in truth. I thank Him and kneel before His Beloved Son who reached out long ago and said to each of us, “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28).

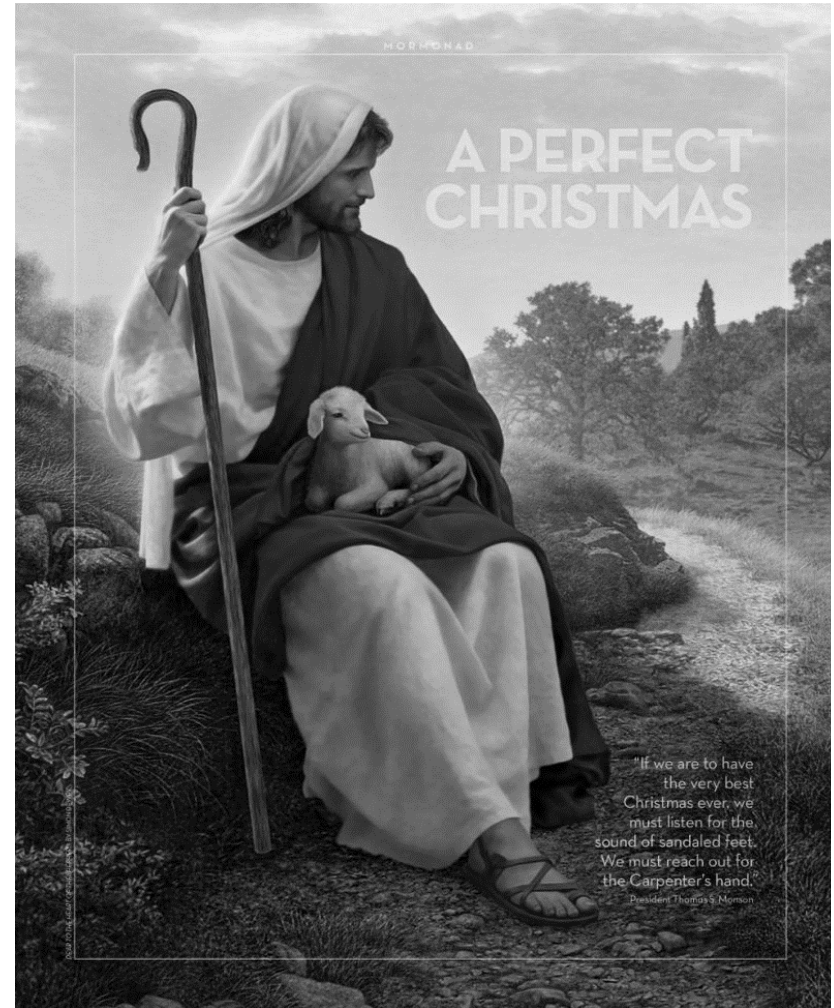
For each of you may this be a merry Christmas. But more importantly, I wish for each of you a time, perhaps only an hour, spent in silent meditation and quiet reflection on the wonder and the majesty of this, the Son of God. Our joy at this season is because He came into the world. The peace that comes from Him, His infinite love which each of us may feel, and an overwhelming sense of gratitude for that which He freely gave us at so great a cost to Himself—these are of the true essence of Christmas.

President Gordon B. Hinckley
Ensign, December 2000

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Skyline Ward

December 24, 2023





Merry Christmas! Sacrament Meeting only today.

The 2024 Skyline Ward meeting times will be from 12pm-2pm

Family New Year's Eve Dance Party, Saturday, December 30th
7pm – 10pm. 1095 Golconda Dr. Featuring the Robin Street Band

Reno Stake *Why I Believe* Fireside, January 14th at 7pm.
1095 Golconda Dr. A night of testimonies centered on Jesus Christ

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.

Skyline Ward Cleaning Assignments, Dec 30th: Steven & Amy Gibson,
Beau Keenan & Family, Kathryn Miles, Rebecca, Noah & Elijsa
Terrasas, Brad & Maxine Jamieson, Joseph Hoyt & Family, Kyle
Stodtmeister & Family

Skyline Ward	
Russell Stodtmeister, Bishop	775-560-6850
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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 Laura Karrasch

Music Director: Brother Jay Chamberlain

Opening Hymn: #201 Joy to the World

Invocation: T.B.A.

Ward Business: T.B.A.

Sacrament Hymn: #196 Jesus, Once of Humble Birth

Passing of The Sacrament

Piano Medley Elder Potter

Christmas Program

Closing Hymn: #202 O, Come, All Ye Faithful

Benediction: T.B.A.