

New Prophet Called: Thomas S. Monson

Thomas S. Monson is the new president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, it was announced today at a news conference in the Church Office Building. President Monson, 80, succeeds President Gordon B. Hinckley, who died 27 January 2008.

The new world leader of the Church has called to serve with him in the First Presidency, the top governing body of the 13-million-member faith, President Henry B. Eyring, 74, first counselor, and President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, 67, second counselor.

At the press conference, President Monson spoke of President Hinckley's dedication and love for the people, and signaled "no abrupt changes" for the course of the Church.

The new Church leader also paid tribute to the many hallmarks of President Hinckley's administration, including the building of temples and the creation of the Perpetual Education Fund, a program for providing loans to young Church members so they can pay for their education. President Monson called the Perpetual Education Fund "a miracle."



When asked by a reporter about his own desire to reach out to the poor and the needy, President Monson said he learned it from his mother. He grew up watching her help young men, with meals and encouragement, coming to the West of the United States looking for employment during the Depression.

One way that this attribute became part of his life was in the way he served the 84 widows in his congregation while he was a young bishop and for decades afterward. He said that they all asked him to speak at their funerals, assignments he was happy to accept notwithstanding heavy travel and other commitments.

Responding to a reporter's question about the Church's openness in working with other churches and groups, President Monson said: "We should not be sequestered in a little cage. We should eliminate the weakness of the one standing alone and substitute it with the strength of working together to make this a better world."

"I believe in that spirit," he said.

Referral Reminders:

- There have been some great things happen lately with referrals, so we need to make sure to keep it up!
- There have been too many times that referrals do not get passed on correctly. You need to let me know when you pass a referral on and who you gave it to.
- Also, there is no excuse for not contacting your referrals within 24 hours. We can't let referrals slip through the system like we have been.
- And if the referral lives in an outlying town and you "don't have the miles to go out there", **YOU CAN STILL CALL THEM!**

Thanks for your cooperation,
Elder Ipson

Office changes:

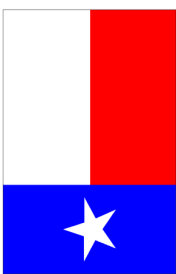
For those of you who haven't found out yet, Elder Bell has come into the office to replace Elder Lamb as Vehicle Coordinator, and Elder Hewitt will be taking over Elder Erdmann's responsibility as President's secretary. They have both done great so far. We appreciate all the hard work from Elders Lamb and Erdmann!

New Mission President announced!

John L. Robison and his wife Joan from Bountiful, UT, will be arriving in here around July 1st to replace President and Sister Rose.



Texas Lubbock Mission
The Longhorn
January—February 2008



New Missionaries!

January:

Elder Trost—Tualatin, OR
 Elder Cornish—South Jordan, UT
 Elder Curtis—Orem, UT
 Elder Humeniuk—West Jordan, UT
 Elder Rusk—St. Helens, OR
 Elder Smith—Richmond, UT
 Sister Stevens—Walnut Creek, CA
 Sister Ford—Sandy, UT

March:

Elder Droge—Bountiful, UT
 Elder Luker—Chubbuck, ID
 Elder Craven—Tremonton, UT
 Sister Moyes—Spring Valley, CA
 Elder McKeen—Madera, CA



“We do not preach and teach in order to ‘bring people into the Church’ or to increase the membership of the Church. We do not preach and teach just to persuade people to live better lives. . . . We invite all to come unto Christ by repentance and baptism and confirmation in order to open the doors of the celestial kingdom to the sons and daughters of God. No one else can do this”

-Dallin H. Oaks, “The Purpose of Missionary Work,” missionary satellite broadcast, Apr. 1995



BIRTHDAYS

January:

E. Murphy 03
E. Sosi 10
E. Nicholes 15
E. Droge 21
E. Luker 25
S. Norman 26
E. Rowberry 26
E. King 27
S. Moyes 29
E. Bryce Peterson 29

February:

E. Goodfellow 03
E. Craven 05
E. Jes Olsen 07
E. Trevor Andersen 17
E. Cornish 19
E. Adams 23
S. Vranes 26



Baptisms—January through February:

Lubbock Zone

Andrew Reynolds
 Mandy Reynolds
 Robert Garza
 Ericka Yohe
 Adam Aguirre
 Brandon Hackett
 Ryann Hackett
 Sharon Hackett
 Gabrielle Lewis
 Linsie Rice
 Ariel Hurtado

Amarillo Zone

Cory Campbell
 Kyle Phillips

Abilene Zone

Jose Robles
 Michael Raney
 Esther Bravo
 Mariah Mayo

Odessa Zone

Branden O'Neill
 Jason O'Neill Jr.
 Priscilla Campos
 Nathaniel Campos
 Rosa Gonzalez
 Tyler Monzon
 Paige Gartin
 Nathan Torres
 Adam Cuellar

Roswell Zone

Stephen Young
 Clint Lucas
 Samantha Banister
 Evelyn Dominguez
 Loraine Pielat
 Chelzia Sandoval
 Robert Roybal
 Jacobo Ortiz
 Mary Roybal
 Oriana Ortiz



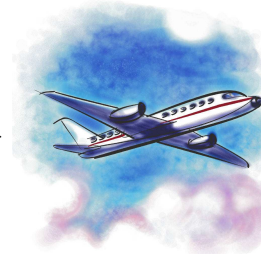
Departed Missionaries

January 2008:

Elder Hudman
 Elder Penrod
 Elder Podwys
 Elder Hills

March 2008:

Elder Bybee
 Elder Nicholes
 Elder Quick
 Sister Littlejohn



FROM THE OFFICE STAFF:

As many of you know, I have been called to replace Elder Lamb as the Vehicle Coordinator. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you all in this calling. Please call me if you have any questions, concerns or problems.
 -Elder Bell

Hi! I have been called to replace Elder Erdmann as Secretary to President Rose. I am here to help you, so if you have any questions feel free to call me!
 ~Elder Hewitt