

President Monson Rededicates Boise Temple

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In November 2012 President Thomas S. Monson rededicated the Boise Idaho Temple—a structure that was originally dedicated in 1984 and eventually closed for 15 months for extensive renovations.

The evening before the rededication, a group of 9,200 young people gathered for the youth cultural celebration. So many youth participated that they filled the Taco Bell Arena on the campus of Boise State University,

President Thomas S. Monson expresses his love and appreciation to members of the Church during a cultural celebration the night before he rededicated the Boise Idaho Temple.

and their families and others had to gather in remote locations to watch the program, which was broadcast to stake centers throughout the temple district.

The production was less about dancing and more about preparing for the temple, said Gary Walker, youth cultural celebration subcommittee chairman.

At the celebration, President Monson told youth the temple “shines as a beacon of righteousness to all who will follow its light. . . . We treasure that light, and we thank our Heavenly Father for the blessings this temple and all temples bring into our lives.”

Elder Bednar also attended the dedication sessions on Sunday, during which he taught, “There is a warmth, light, brightness, and radiance that comes from a temple anywhere in the world.”

The Boise Idaho Temple serves approximately 100,000 Latter-day Saints from 31 stakes in the area. ■

Church Preparing Online Resources for Youth Activities

In an effort to strengthen Latter-day Saint young men and young women worldwide, the Church is preparing an online resource for youth activities. The new youth activities section of LDS.org is being developed to help youth leaders and their adult advisers plan meaningful activities for Aaronic Priesthood quorums and Young Women classes in stakes and wards throughout the Church.

The site is intended to support the Church’s ongoing emphasis on strengthening youth, which was highlighted by the recent changes to age requirements for full-time missionary service, the new youth learning resource *Come, Follow Me*, and invitations for youth to participate in family history.

For young men, the site complements the spiritually focused Duty to God program with resources for physical, social, and educational development. ■



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