

Services for the Week of July 25, 2015



Saturday, July 25, 2015

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RM Carol Ann Crabb

Cantor: Rev. Robert Roy

Reader: Gary Huss Jr.

6:00 PM PANNUCHES MEAL RITE

Chapel of The Holy Child

Concelebrants:

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

RR Sean Savoy

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Sunday, July 26, 2015
5:44 AM JUBILEE SUNRISE NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 5:00

Gate: 5:30

Sunrise: 5:59

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

RM Rebecca Willis

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

<i>Church of New Philadelphia</i>	Rev. Greg Klinedinst
<i>Church of New Qumran</i>	Rev. Mike Tamburello
<i>Church of New Bethany</i>	Gary Huss Jr.

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Ben Hubbard

Friday, July 31, 2015

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Elizabeth Reece

New Chancellery Office Schedule Announced



To permit the Chancellery staff at the Center in Reno to have one full day off each week, the Chancellery offices will be closed each and every Monday for the foreseeable future. Both nonresidents and Reno residents should keep this new schedule in mind when setting up phone meetings or personal meetings.

Services for the Week of July 18, 2015



Saturday, July 18, 2015

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Gary Buchanan

Cantor: Rev. Robert Anderson

Reader: Rev. Karen Elliott

Sunday, July 19, 2015

5:38 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:45

Gate: 5:25

Sunrise: 5:53

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of the Races of Man

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Church of the End Times

RC Elizabeth Reece

Church of the New Covenant

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Friday, July 24, 2015

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Barbara Whitney

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Sonatherapy is a vibrational healing therapy developed over the past fifteen years by Dr. Gary Robert Buchanan and practiced at Steamboat Boat Healing Center in Nevada. Sonatherapy combines light, color, sound, water & subtle energies in the promotion of self-healing. A practicing Sonatherapist, Dr. Buchanan regularly meets with clients from around the world each month offering “self-healing” via light, color, sound, water, and subtle energy therapeutics.

The SONATHERAPY ® web site links to several Sonatherapy videos and provides a general description of the therapy and its practice. There are also pages on Dr. Buchanan himself and links to order his newest book, Sonatherapy: Healing with Light, Color, Sound, Water & Subtle Energies.

< [Visit the Sonatherapy web site at
http://www.sonatherapy.com/](http://www.sonatherapy.com/) >

Services for the Week of July 11, 2015



Saturday, July 11, 2015

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Robert Petrovich

Cantor: Rev. Francine Petrovich

Reader: Dea. Shane Grady

Sunday, July 12, 2015

5:32 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:45

Gate: 5:17

Sunrise: 5:47

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

RM Rebecca Willis

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Smyrna

RC Ted Staver

Church of New Philadelphia

Rev. Micahel McIntyre

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Vickie Hewlett

Friday, July 17, 2015

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

(Service Suspended due to Remodeling)

12:00 NOON REDEDICATION SERVICE

May 2015 Intercessions & Memorial Services



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Michael Spohn
Dr. Donald Schieve
Andres Fuelling
Jim Whitney
Adam Reed

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Dr. Donald Schieve †
Russell Ault, Jr.
Dorothy Kubiak

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Russell Ault, Jr.
Dorothy Kubiak

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Russell Ault, Jr.
Dorothy Kubiak
Bill Siver thru May 23
Tom Fee thru May 23
Susanna Ineernitte thru May 23
Paul Engelmann
Michael Spohn

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Bill Siver
Tom Fee
Susanna Ineernitte
Our Community Members traveling in Japan
Michael Spohn

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Bill Siver
Michael Spohn

Tom Fee
Susanna Ineernitte
Our Community Members traveling in Japan

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Our Community Members traveling in Japan

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Our Community Members traveling in Japan
Beverly Brondz †

† indicates Memorial Prayer

PATH OF LIGHT: Michael Spohn



Michael Spohn officiating Chapel Service November 22, 2014
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

A eulogy for the Rev. Mike Spohn, delivered by the Rev.

Michael McIntyre, June 20, 2015 (with additional comments by others)

Good morning. Thank You for being here.

SECTION A:

Mike was born on August 17, 1955, in Tacoma, Washington. He had two children: Becca, who lives in Colorado, and Mark, he's in Germany.

Mike received his Third-Level Ordination in the ICC on October 14, 2007. Some of his accomplishments while here in Reno include the following:

- Regularly performed Services in this Chapel and the Sanctuary Churches
- Helped with mailings
- Performed in the Bell Choir for 20 years
- Red Rock resident for several years and had a hand in building pretty much everything you see out there
- Helped maintain the Chapel/Chancellery grounds

SECTION B:

Mike joined the Community in January of 1977 – Gosh, that's almost 4 decades! He moved to Reno in 1981. Wasn't long after being here he ran into a hurdle: He had a lot of trouble finding an apartment that would accept his oversized german shepherd. His choices left him to sleep in his Ford Galaxy 500 with his shepherd for 6 months.

He finally settled in just up the road from here, across from a park that is canopied with 30- and 40-foot trees and very

busy with bird life. It wasn't unusual for a curious crow to survey and follow him as he walked through the neighborhood from his home to mine.

Animals seemed to have a soft spot for Mike, especially cats. I can't count the occasions when unacquainted strays would spot him and freeze, become catatonic—then suddenly burst into a gallop to greet him with head-butts or figure-eight sharking and spend the next 15 minutes doing all sorts of pleads for adoption. It was like he had splashed on cat cologne. He just understood their language. He had this gift for languages.

SECTION C:

Mike liked languages. He was fluent in German and knew a little French.

One fall evening, he's on his way into the grocery market. I'm next to him. I ask him a question. He goes like this (puts index finger to his lips).

Ten minutes later we're coming out of the market. I begin to chatter, and he does the *same thing*. We make it to the car, and we're sitting down. I look over at him and say,

"It happened to you, didn't it?"

"Yeah."

"First time?"

"Yeah. It's been going on for the last 15 minutes; the whole time we've been here."

"Wow. Well, can you compare it, Mike?" (pause: he starts to choke up a little bit.)

"I've never heard music like this before. The calls. The

landscapes. Indescribable.”

“Is it still going on?” He just glared at me!

“It’s so beautiful! It’s so beautiful!”

So, another time, there are three of us. You know the stones that border on the Chapel lawn, out there in front? We’re putting in those stones. Mike is watching two of us do this. We’re both haphazard, so he goes:

“Here. Let me show you something. See this flat face. This side wants to be out. Facing out.”

He rolls over another one, spins it slowly like a top, looking at each side. Release
and—boom!—it falls in place. He says,

“See? It’s that side. That face. Looks right, doesn’t it?”

So we take his little lesson, and we’re doing pretty good. Then I get stuck. This one stone is being misfitted. He notices, comes over, kneels next me:

“You’re not listening.”

“Nope. I heard everything you said, Mike. This rock just seems really stubborn.”

“You misunderstood. *You’re not listening to the rock.* Each one has a voice. They talk. You have to be carefully silent to hear it. Watch.”

Boom! The stone falls into place.

Mike had this ability to recognize the hidden intelligence in things, make a bond, then operate through that.

SECTION D:

One of things Mike had was—how do you say this?—he had this incredible intuition for finding the bottom of an ice cream carton. He would stage his tactics like a professional boxer: (In an announcer's voice): "In this corner, the challenger, weighing in at one-half gallon, in the chocolate-marshmallow trunks, ROCKY ROAD!

"And your undisputed, undefeated, lifetime world champion, MICHAEL SUGAR-SPOON SPOHN!"

It was always a knockout. Three rounds or less.

A&W root beer was another of his favorite "adversaries."

And you could call him on the phone; say, "pizza"; and hang up. Ten minutes later, he was there.

He was a "self-spoiler." Anybody know what that is? It's this terrible condition where . . . Let's say you have a glass of wine from a \$10 bottle. A few days later you have a glass from a \$20 bottle. And what you find is you can't go back, no matter how hard you try, you can't go back to the \$10 bottle. So what happens, over time, is that this escalates. As your love for these refinements grows stronger and bigger, availability gets smaller and smaller. You paint yourself into a corner. Doesn't happen to everybody, but, uh . . . Any of you have that? Mike was the classic example.

SECTION E:

He was pretty rich with peculiarities, but nothing was more peculiar than his sense of humor. One of the things he would often do—and he would come up with one every week—he would characterize everyday people we know in the light of a celebrity. Here's an easy one, just to get you warmed up:

"Ever notice how Roger looks like Clint Eastwood? And not just his appearance, but the slow, precise, closed lip delivery

when he talks? All the guy needs is a poncho, stick of dynamite, and measly mule that he can trade for good horse."

The Gladiator. It's the closing scene—are you all familiar with this film? Mike and I are watching this together. The notorious Emperor Commodus is fighting Russell Crow in the Coliseum, and Mike jumps up and points to Commodus [played by Joaquin Phoenix]:

"Look! Look at that guy. It's . . . (any guesses ?) It's Geno! He looks just like Geno. Tell me it's not true! And he's [Geno's] got a little bit of that emperor thing going, too."

At one point Mike went on this long run comparing everyone he knew to the characters in the long-running animation *The Simpsons*. Mike would do this thing. He would "test" you; have you guess at his insights.

"Ok, Some girl we all know [named Marie], she's Lisa Simpson. Who do think Bart is?" Or, "Ok, who is Principal Skinner? [as he looked right at Petro and said,] "Bob!"

This went on for weeks. One day—there's this [*Simpsons*] character, Ned Flanders, a goody two-shoes, mild-spoken, humbly righteous type of fellow—one day, Mike comes up to me:

"I figured out who Ned Flanders is."

"Yeah?"

"Yeah—it's you!"

I'm like, "*What!* That's not even close. I'm more like Crusty the Clown."

"Nope, Shane gets to be Crusty."

He used to do this a lot. He told me that he once introduced Nelson as Jerry Garcia to a stranger. Just off the cuff. Out of the blue:

"Hey, buddy, know who this is? Huh? This is Jerry Garcia."

Nelson and Mike didn't even know this stranger. The fellow actually asked for an autograph!

Little did Mike know that others also characterized him!

SECTION F:

One day, the two of us are listening to this Bruckner symphony, which is rich with this emotional struggling. It sort of weaves these layers of waves that surface and drown, in an effort to glimpse elation. After about 15 minutes, Mike is making these little choking sounds, and he's shivering. He wipes his eyes and looks at me with this intense, sympathetic glare. He gently shakes his head in utter disbelief. Then he went around humming the main theme for the next two weeks.

Certain musical expressions would leave him emotionally helpless.

This was normal. I saw this happen to him dozens of times. Often it was joy, enthrallment. He recognized passion immediately. Instantly. It came on very quick.

What's interesting is that Mike was also a great musician, a guitar player. Very expressive. He and I played together. A lot. He's over one afternoon and saddles up his Instrument. I ask him:

"Need a pick, Mike?"

"Nah. It's ok."

"Sure?"

"It doesn't matter. Anything will do. Or not."

So, he pulls a coin from his pocket: [McIntyre makes a guitar-

picking sound] *dudla dudla dudla*; then a cigarette lighter: *dudla dudla dudla*; then his car keys: *dudla dudla dudla*. He looks at me and says, "Got a teddy bear?"

Somebody lent me this story a week ago. This was before Mike and I met: He's at this bar. The band is onstage but taking a break. Mike goes over and has a chat with one of the band members. A bit later Mike's onstage, strapped in. The band starts up. And he does what he does best—for almost 10 minutes. People's jaws drop.

Two or three times a week Mike was over at my place, instrument in hand. Soaring all over the place. My son's friends would stop in—usually dead in their tracks—and stare, heads pitched forward, mouths wide open, with these uncontrollable bad etiquette displays.

After these little episodes, Matt, my son, would come with a smile or chuckle, recounting his friends' reactions: They were like, "Whoa! Who *is* that guy? He have any CDs?" Or, "Never heard anything, *anything* like that before! Unbelievable!"

Most people were stunned seeing him play the first time. He did it so effortlessly. He would wrap his paws around the thing and the notes would just fall out—like a ballet company exiting a burning building.

And that's when he'd really shine. He'd light up just like a Christmas tree, with this big smile on his face.

SECTION G

Bell Toll

So, here's another thing Mike would do. Let me see if I can do this for you. [picks up large handbells]. A lot of you may recognize this. First [enlists Stephan Fuelling's help] I would like to show you a few things They are a bit heavy, as

you might guess. Let's see if we can replicate some of the nuances he would use. [tolls the handbells]. Ok, let's see if we can do the *toll*, Stephan. [They toll the bells as Spohn did at Sunrise Service while waiting for the sun to appear: C, E, C, E...]. Thanks, Stephan.

Those two bells are the bells that Mike played virtually every Sunday—early dawn for a good 20 years. So, those sounds, that toll, that was Mike singing—singing to the Sun. For all of us it's an irreplaceable loss.

Retiring the Vestment:

[Asks Rev. Gary Buchanan at the organ to play a slow toll, like a bell, in A]

These are the acolytes bringing up Mike's bell choir vestment for retirement.

[returns to podium as acolytes exit]

Closing Remark

So I have a little closing message. Let me read this and make sure it's right. This is for all of you:

"My life is little more than these reflections . . . reflections of the kindness and love each of you has given me." He wanted you to know that.

A moment for you, now, to reflect your wishes.

Below are a few thoughts from Community members. We ask that

you add your own in the comment section that accompany this article:

“He was a dear man, and through his struggles he emerged a sensitive and wise Man of Light.” –Sean Savoy

“Few people knew he was a gummy bear connoisseur. He would only have the ones imported from this one particular country.”
–Ted Staver

“He was like the Uncle I never had.” –Matt Madonna

“I’ll miss seeing and talking with him.” –Bob Anderson

Services for the Week of July 4, 2015



Saturday, July 4, 2015

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Elizabeth Reece

Cantor: Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Reader: Rev. James Elliott

Sunday, July 5, 2015

5:25 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:30

Gate: 5:10

Sunrise: 5:40

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver

RM Carol Ann Crabb

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Philadelphia Rev. Robert Roy

Church of New Qumran Rev. Larry Coesens

Church of New Bethany Noriko Roy

Wednesday, July 8, 2015

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RC Gary Buchanan

Friday, July 10, 2015

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

(Service Suspended due to Remodeling)

Services for the Week of June 27, 2015



Saturday, June 27, 2015

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Roger Weld

Cantor: Rev. Dorothy Kubiak

Reader: Rev. Larry Coesens

Sunday, June 28, 2015

5:22 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:30

Gate: 5:10

Sunrise: 5:38

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistants: RC Roger Weld

RC Ted Staver
RM Rebecca Willis
Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

<i>Church of the Christian Churches</i>	Rev. Ben Hubbard
<i>Church of the End Times</i>	Rev. James Elliott
<i>Church of the New Covenant</i>	Rev. Harold Boulette

Wednesday, July 1, 2015

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

RM Rebecca Willis

Friday, July 2, 2015

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

(Service Suspended due to Remodeling)

Nevada Tax Exemption Bill Passes into Law



The Governor of the State of Nevada, Brian Sandoval, on May 25, 2015 signed into law legislation revising the religious property tax exemption statute in the state of Nevada. This important amendment to the law effectively treats all religious organizations in the state equally, irrespective of how they worship, for the purposes of receiving property tax exemption. Therefore, as of July 1, 2015, the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary will be tax exempt after a long and arduous chapter in the life of The Community spanning some thirty-five years since 1980.

The bi-partisan bill, crafted by Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. with legal advice, was passed unanimously in the State Assembly and the State Senate. Both Democrats and Republicans supported the revised language to the law. The elected officials of Washoe County, and their staffs as well, supported Bishop Savoy's two-and-a-half year campaign, thus putting behind a long history of misunderstanding between the Washoe County Tax Assessor's office and the International Community of Christ. Washoe County Assessor Michael Clark, who was newly elected in November 2014, attended the first Nevada Assembly meeting on the bill as an interested party. When he left that first meeting, he said he reviewed the Church's files on the case and found that mistakes had been made in the past. Since that time Mr. Clark said he was behind the bill one-hundred percent; he even spoke on behalf of the bill as it was going through the Senate Tax Committee.

Many within the interfaith and interreligious community in Northern Nevada also offered their support once the bill came to committee in the Nevada Assembly – delegations from the Catholic, Episcopalian, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and other churches, the Jewish, Muslim and Hindu communities, as well as professionals and private citizens all over Nevada.

However, this accomplishment could not have been realized without the dedication, commitment and expertise of Frank and Michael Hillerby of the firm Kaempfer Crowell, the lobbyists hired by Bishop Savoy, who worked with him over a period of two-and-one-half years and who fully supported the cause from the outset. Without them, the Community's effort to modify existing legislation may not have succeeded.

The Community's struggle for property tax exemption at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary began in the early 1980's. When the Sanctuary was purchased, Washoe County initially granted property tax exemption . Unfortunately, that was later revoked, and the Community sued Washoe County in district court. The suit was successful. However, the Community's court case with Washoe County from 1980 to 1990 cost the Community well over \$100,000 in legal fees and one decade in precious time.

Then in 1990 the County appealed to the Nevada Supreme Court and the decision was reversed in 1990, and the ill-fated Supreme Court decision cost the Community over \$400,000 in back and forward taxes and assessments over the past 35 years.

When lobbyists Frank and Michael Hillerby of the law firm Kaempfer Crowell took an interest in the case two-and-one-half years ago, they believed they could propose an amendment to the law that would grant the Community property tax exemption on the Sanctuary specifically without involving a lawsuit or the courts. Ultimately, Bishop Savoy chose not to seek specific tax exemption for the Red Rock Sanctuary only but to seek a modification of existing law that would provide tax exemption of all lands used exclusively for religious purposes by any and all recognized religious organizations.

In May 2014 this firm spoke on the Community's behalf with representatives of Washoe County, advising them of our intent to seek an amendment to the law that would grant our Sanctuary a tax exemption. The representatives of the county were

supportive and said they would not oppose us making a change to the law. This was a major step forward.

The Community's lobbyists visited the Sanctuary for the first time shortly thereafter and were extremely impressed. They followed up by making appointments to speak with legislators and the Governor's office for the change to the law, which was presented in the state legislature early in 2015.

The signing ceremony with Governor Brian Sandoval is expected to take place sometime in July shortly after Independence Day.



Michael Hillerby, Rebecca Wilis, Pat Hickey, and Gene Savoy Jr. In front of the Nevada Legislature building after the Nevada Assembly Taxation Committee hearing. PHOTO: Ted Staver

Read the rest of the history of the Sanctuary's tax exemption case in the Community Communique:

[April 23, 2015: "Sanctuary Tax Exemption Bill Makes Its Way to Nevada Senate"](#)

[April 20, 2015: "Sanctuary Tax Exemption Bill Starts Its Way Through Nevada Legislature"](#)

**FALL 1991: “Church Seeks Tax Refund from County
 *Opposition Causes Church to
Withdraw”***

< [To read the, download a copy of the FALL 1991 Community Communique here.](#) >

SUMMER 1991: **"Church and County Reach Agreement**
 Ten-year Sanctuary Tax
Dispute Settled"

< [To read the article, download a copy of the SUMMER 1991 Community Communique here.](#) >

**SPRING 1991: "WILL CHURCH LOSE ITS SACRED SANCTUARIES?
 Payments of Back Taxes Only
Way to Save Land"**

< [To read the article, download a copy of the SPRING 1991 Community Communique here.](#) >

WINTER 1990-1991: **"Church Not to Pursue Federal Appeal
Alternative
Legal Options Explored in Full"**

[< To read the article, download a copy of the WINTER 1990-1991 Community Communique here. >](#)

**FALL 1990: “Nevada Supreme Court Reverses Schouweiler
Decision**

***Justices Mandate Sanctuary
Taxation”***

< [To read the article, download a copy of the FALL 1990
Community Communique here.](#) >

SUMMER 1990: “SERMONS

***On the Nature of the
Sanctuary of God and ‘The Way’***

Bishop of The Church

**The Most Right Reverend
Gene Savoy”**

< [To read the article, download a copy of the SUMMER 1990
Community Communique here.](#) >

**WINTER 1989-1990: “Nevada Supreme Court Hears Church’s
Tax Case**

***Church in
Court Again After Washoe County Appeal”***

< [To read the article, download a copy of the WINTER 1989-1990
Community Communique here.](#) >

**SUMMER 1988: “Schouweiler Grants Red Rock Sanctuaries Tax
Exemption**

***Exemption Status Denied
to the Sanctuary of New Mt. Zion”***

< [To read the article, download a copy of the SUMMER 1988
Community Communique here.](#) >

SPRING 1988: “Struggle to Secure Tax Exemption on Sanctuaries Continues

Case Goes to Trial before District Court Judge Robert Schouweiler”

< [To read the article, download a copy of the SPRING 1988 Community Communique here.](#) >

WINTER 1988: “Church Makes Deposition to Washoe County Court

District Attorney’s Office Seeks to Impose Taxes on Sanctuaries”

< [To read the article, download a copy of the WINTER 1988 Community Communique here.](#) >

WINTER 1986: “Church transfers civil rights suit to Washoe District Court

State Court to test validity of DA’s interpretation of law”

< [To read the article, download a copy of the WINTER 1986 Community Communique here.](#) >

WINTER 1985: “Judge criticizes Washoe County’s decision
Commissioners did not act rationally, says magistrate”

< [To read the article, download a copy of the WINTER 1985 Community Communique here.](#) >

FALL 1984: **"County attorney vows to fight Church:
Court orders Commissioners to
defend position"**

< [To read the article, download a copy of the FALL 1984 Community Communique here.](#) >

SPRING 1984: **"Federal suit filed**
 County reverses land tax-
exemption"

“Court Order: *Land remains with Church*”

< [To read the articles, download a copy of the SPRING 1984 Community Communique here.](#) >

DECEMBER 22, 1981:
**“Church develops desert sanctuary as base for
 Second Advent Ministry”**

< [To read the article, download a copy of the DECEMBER 22, 1981 Community Communique here.](#) >

December 1, 1980: "FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AT RED ROCK"

[To read the article, download a copy of the DECEMBER 1, 1980 Community Communique here.](#)

AUGUST 15, 1980: "COMMUNITY ACQUIRES LAND AND BUILDINGS"

[To read the article, download a copy of the AUGUST 15, 1980 Community Communique here.](#)

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The text of the new law signed into effect on May 25, 2015 appears below. Note that *italics* indicate newly added words or phrases:

*THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:*

*Section 1. NRS 361.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:
361.125 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:*

*(a) Churches, chapels, other than marriage chapels, and other
buildings used for religious worship, with their furniture
and*

*equipment, and the lots of ground on which they stand, used
therewith and necessary thereto; and*

*(b) Parcels of land used exclusively for worship, including,
without limitation, both developed and undeveloped portions
of a*

*parcel, owned by some recognized religious society or
corporation, and*

parsonages so owned, are exempt from taxation.

*2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 361.157, when any
such property is used exclusively or in part for any other
than*

*church purposes, and a rent or other valuable consideration
is*

received for its use, the property must be taxed.

*3. The exemption provided by this section must be prorated
for*

*the portion of a fiscal year during which the religious
society or*

*corporation owns the real property. For the purposes of this
subsection, ownership of property purchased begins on the
date of*

recording of the deed to the purchaser.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.