



Boise Idaho Temple

TIMELINE

- Announced 31 March 1982.
- Groundbreaking 18 December 1982
- Dedicated May 25-30, 1984. Announcement to dedication - 2 years 2 months
- The temple was partially paid for by church members in the area, primary children would gather aluminum cans from their neighborhood to help raise money.
- The Boise temple became the 27th temple in operation around the world.
- About 70,000 visitors were expected to tour the Boise Idaho Temple during its 19-day open house in 1984, but expectations were exceeded when 128,716 people toured the building. The usual number of convert baptisms more than doubled the month following the open house.
- The Boise Idaho Temple was dedicated May 25-30 1984 in 24 sessions (more dedicatory sessions than had been held for any temple since the Salt Lake Temple) by Gordon B. Hinckley. Now, temples are usually dedicated in one session and can be streamed to specific chapels in the temple district.
- The Boise Idaho Temple operated at 102 percent of capacity during its first year of operation—a demonstration of the remarkable dedication of the Saints of the temple district.
- Due to its high level of use, the Boise Idaho Temple was closed for renovation and expansion just two-and-a-half years after its dedication. The temple was rededicated on 14 February 1987 by James E. Faust and reopened in May 1987. The expansion included additional dressing rooms, office space, waiting room, and a new baptistry and cafeteria.
- On July 11, 2011, the Boise Idaho Temple closed for an extensive 15-month renovation that included a new baptistry entrance, removal of the cafeteria and clothing rental, expansion of the basement, new walls and trim work, new finishes and furnishings, updated mechanical systems, and structural reinforcement. The pearl-gray marble tile on the exterior was replaced with white granite.
- On February 16, 2012, a new gold-leafed angel Moroni was placed atop the eastern spire of the Boise Idaho Temple.
- The temple was dedicated again on 18 November 2012 by President Thomas S. Monson.
- The summer of 2024, the temple was closed for about three months while the slate tile roof was replaced.

Interesting Facts about the Boise Temple

The temple site is just under 5 acres, including the building, parking lot, and grounds. This is smaller than four football fields.

The temple building is 35,868 square feet. That is about the same as 7 ½ elementary school gymnasiums.

The temple has 6 detached spires, although now only 3 are detached, the spires on the west end were incorporated into the building as part of the expansion in 1987.

There are 16 stakes in the Boise Temple District.

The Boise Temple sits at an elevation of 2,754.4 feet above sea level.

The cornerstone of the temple was inside the building from the 1987 addition until the remodel in 2011, when it was moved outside again.

Stained glass throughout the building features the Idaho State Flower, the syringa.



All temples have a family history code, Boise's code is easy — BOISE.
Can you guess the temples for these codes?

IFALL	CHICA
HOUST	MANHA
STARV	PARIS
WASHI	ARIZO
SLAKE	POCAT
SDIEG	VANCO
PROCC	MIDAH
DRAPE	SFORK

(Idaho Falls Idaho, Chicago Illinois, Houston Texas, Manhattan New York, Star Valley Wyoming, Paris France, Washington DC, Mesa Arizona, Salt Lake Utah, Pocatello Idaho, San Diego California, Vancouver British Columbia Canada, Provo City Center Utah, Meridian Idaho, Draper Utah, Spanish Fork Utah)

Self-guided Temple Grounds Tour

Begin at the plaza, west of the main front doors

The purpose of the temple is to increase our understanding of Jesus Christ, and help us become closer to Him and Heavenly Father through covenants made with Him.

If you look through the doors as someone enters the temple, you can see workers are dressed in white, just like when you were baptized. This clothing symbolizes purity and equality.

Prepare to come to the temple. Be worthy to enter. Hold a current temple recommend and try to do what is right.



Walk to the large stained glass window outside the baptistry

On the other side of this beautiful stained glass window is the baptistry of the temple. Youth can come participate in baptisms for the dead starting the year they turn twelve and if male, when they are ordained to the priesthood for their age. Come in your Sunday best. No need to bring other clothes, the temple will give you underclothes and a white jumpsuit, like when you were baptized. You can bring Family Name cards and do work for your own ancestors or do work for names the temple has ready.



You will be baptized by proxy, or in behalf of, a few people in a row. After changing back into your Sunday clothes, you can then be confirmed for the names you brought. If you are doing temple provided names, you may do the confirmations first, the baptisms for those names were already performed on a prior day.

The baptistry of the temple is a special place that you can feel the spirit as you serve your ancestors.

Walk to the fountain

If you look at this flat wall area to the right, you are looking toward the dressing rooms. Patrons who come to the temple change into their white clothing before moving to other areas of the temple. Workers have similar dressing rooms downstairs. There are lockers and dressing stalls, so you have a place to keep your things.

If you look to the left flat area of wall, you are looking toward the endowment rooms. There are four of these rooms with chairs like the ones in the chapel choir loft. Patrons come to receive their own endowment or to do them proxy for others. Part of the endowment session is presented through video and part by temple workers. You learn about the creation, Adam and Eve, the Atonement of Jesus Christ, and how we can all return to the presence of the Lord.



You make covenants as part of this ordinance, promises to the Lord to keep His commandments, repent and have faith in Jesus Christ, and to give of our time and talents to

help build up Jesus Christ's church on earth. At the end of the endowment, you will symbolically return to the Lord's presence and go to the Celestial room.

The Celestial room is a beautiful room where you can take time to ponder, pray, read the scriptures, or quietly share your thoughts with family and friends. It is a place of peace, where you can also find comfort and divine guidance.



Walk to the East end of temple by the large spire

In this part of the temple are sealing rooms. You can be sealed to your husband or wife at the temple and married for all time and eternity. You can also perform these sealings by proxy for your ancestors. Couples kneel at an altar and make covenants with the Lord and each other. These covenants assure them that their relationship will continue after this life if they are true to their commitments.



An interesting fact, if you look up on the large spire, you will see the words "Holiness to the Lord, the House of the Lord." Most temples have these phrases near the entrance to the temple. Our temple has the words at the opposite end.

Walk back to the fountain

The temple grounds are designed to be beautiful and a place where you can feel the spirit. Temple groundskeepers work hard to take care of trees, shrubs, flowers, and grass. Every fall, anywhere from 17,000 to 20,000 flower bulbs are planted including tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths. In the spring flowers like marigolds, zinnias, impatiens, begonias, and petunias are planted. Some plants are not only beautiful, but technically edible such as kale. You can often see people sitting or walking on temple grounds, it's a lovely place to be.



Walk back to main entrance, quietly enter, and go into the non-patron waiting room

When entering the temple you see temple workers at the recommend desk. There is beautiful stained glass throughout the temple, dark wood, and carefully chosen artwork. Workers and patrons use quiet voices to speak, this helps keep the temple reverent and a place where you can feel the spirit. This waiting room is where you might wait while a family member is being sealed if you have not received your own endowment. The temple takes about 300 workers per day to run the building. This includes ordinance workers, as well as employees and volunteers in areas such as the office, laundry, housekeeping, facilities and grounds.











