

We welcome the New Year with our Legacy Lecture Series presentation featuring Ron Thompson on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 12 noon in the basement of the St. George Tabernacle

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Our first Legacy Lecture of 2024 will be on **Monday, January 8th featuring Ron Thompson, former Director of the Washington County Water Conservancy District.** In an encore appearance, he will talk about past and current water issues, especially related to Washington County.

Mr. Thompson served as the Water Conservancy District Manager for 38 years before he retired in 2019. "He dedicated his career to making sure when you turn on the tap, water flows out." Ron learned about forecasting future needs from the pioneers who settled here. When they started coming to this area in 1861, water quickly became a priority and a problem. Droughts and flooding are common in Utah, the nation's second driest state, and the early settlers had to learn to build and rebuild water infrastructure to survive the arid landscape.

Thompson grew up in Cedar City and he also had family in Washington County. He studied accounting for his undergraduate degree at BYU, and then went to law school at the University of Utah. In 1974, he and his wife Dorothy moved to Washington County to practice law. He worked in various county positions, and then started working as the General Manager of the Water District in 1982, which coincided with the beginning of the Quail Creek Reservoir project. He went on to work on the Lake Powell Pipeline project until his retirement in 2019. Ron and his wife and children and grandchildren all live in St. George and enjoy their time together.

Looking ahead . . . our Monday, February 5th speaker will be **Stephen Studdert**. He served as Senior White House Advisor to three Presidents and carried out diplomatic assignments to more than 100 nations on behalf of Presidents of the United States. He will talk about his diplomatic experiences then and now.

Thank you so much for your support of the Legacy Lecture Series. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Sincerely,

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