



# The Beacon

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## Calendars and Churches

*See, I am doing a new thing . . .* Isaiah 43:19

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1582, Pope Gregory XIII declared that the next day would be October 14<sup>th</sup> which initiated what came to be known as the Gregorian calendar. The change was an effort to correct the 10 day lag accumulated by the Julian Calendar which was off from the solar calendar by several minutes. This error had been putting the calendar behind since its inception during the Roman empire under Julius Caesar, for whom it is named.

While this decree corrected the problem for all of the Catholic countries, the effect was that it put a large portion of Europe out of step with the rest of the continent. For example, when it was June 10<sup>th</sup> in Britain, it was June 20<sup>th</sup> in France, Germany and Portugal. In spite of this problem, Britain stuck with the Julian calendar for almost 200 years when, finally, in September of 1751 the British jumped ahead 11 days to catch up with the Gregorian calendar. How difficult it is to change, even when it makes sense. For the people of Europe, the presenting issue was a question of how best to calculate time. Yet for some, clearly there were other issues beneath the surface that caused them to resist the change even when presented with a better way to calculate the calendar. This reality taps into our very nature as people.

As a church, we are looking for the best way to be an authentic Christian fellowship here in east Salt Lake City. Yet I know that even as we begin to explore how to do that, the changes that make the most sense, the ones that most need to happen, can be difficult and even frightening. It seems to be normal to resist change and so as we continue to explore who we are becoming as a church, I know there will be times when the actions we are called to do will be difficult. At those times, it is my prayer that we as a church can work through them. Not to ignore them and not to give in to the resistance but to talk together about why these changes are so hard and what we need to do to help each other through the transitions. I feel confident that this wonderful church family, who has navigated change for over a century, is well equipped to grow into the “new thing” God is doing in our midst and I look forward to joining you in the journey forward.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Curtis

## **This Month at First Baptist Church**

- Oct 3: Christian Ed begins with breakfast at 9:30, classes 9:45  
Oct 6: Pastor Curtis' Bible Study, 11 am Conference room  
Church Administration Team at 6 pm  
Burnetts' Bible Study at 7 pm  
Oct 10: Quarterly Business Meeting following worship in Keck Hall  
Service Sunday Project following the meeting.  
Oct 13: Child Care Team at 6 pm  
Oct 15: Bingo at 7 pm  
Oct 16: Clean the Church morning at 9 am  
Oct 17: Installation of Rev. Curtis L. Price as Pastor 3 pm  
Oct 18: Discipleship Ministry Team at 6 pm  
Oct 20: Council of Ministries at 5:45 pm  
Oct 22: Autumn Fest at 6:30 pm  
Oct 23: Camp Utaba Work Day  
Oct 29-30: State AB Women's Conference  
Oct 30: Camp Utaba Work Day

Happy Birthday to:

- Oct 2: Andrew Burnett; Oct 3: Lynn Christensen; Oct 4: Miranda Cannon  
Oct 9: Brady Dabel, Braedon Hunter; Oct 11: Weston Hall; Oct 12: Alan Fox  
Oct 16: Pat Ditton; Oct 17: Taylor Hekking, Lois Moser;  
Oct 18: Morgan Hekking, Judge Brown; Oct 27: Lisa Keysaw;  
Oct 29: Monty Rogers, Dave Stephen; Oct 30: Harriett Arreola

### **Installation of The Rev. Curtis L. Price**

You are invited to attend the installation service of The Rev. Curtis L. Price as the Pastor of First Baptist Church on **October 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**. Clergy and dignitaries from the Salt Lake Valley, Utah Association of American Baptist Churches have been invited. Dr Marcia Patton, Executive Minister of the Evergreen Region will be joining us. Rev. Tim Phillips, Pastor of Seattle First Baptist Church and Curtis' good friend, will be preaching. A reception will follow in Keck Hall.

### **Clean The Church Day**

In order to have the church look as nice and clean as it can, our **Fall Clean the Church Day will be held on October 16 at 9 am**. Please come help us wash windows and clean up the church so it looks great for the installation service.

## **FIRST BAPTIST RUMMAGE SALE 2010**

Shirley and I would like to extend a big thank you to all of you here at First Baptist for your help in one way or another at this year's rummage sale. We had more "helping hands" than we have had in past years and it certainly made the work lighter for all those working. In spite of all the hard work involved I hope everyone had a little fun and enjoyed themselves. The experiences you share at a rummage sale are endless!!

I am not going to attempt to list everyone who helped because with my luck I would leave someone out and that would make me feel very bad. You know who you are, I know who you are and God knows who you are and our heartfelt love, appreciation and thanks go to all of you.

We had a great sale and as of today, September 27<sup>th</sup>, **we made \$6307.00!!! PRAISE THE LORD!**

Blessings to you all,

Judy Rausher, Chairman  
Shirley Cannon, Co-Chairman

### **Christian Education News:**

Christian Ed for Junior & Senior High Kids, College Group, Young Adults and Ray Carter's Bible Study will meet on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at **9:45-10:30 am.**

**Chef Joel and Susan will have breakfast ready by 9:30 on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have missed them and their cooking!!!**

**We are trying something new this year.** Christian Education for our kids in kindergarten through sixth grade will start **Oct 10<sup>th</sup>.** It will be held during Kids Praise Time following the Children's Sermon during morning worship.

**The Bible Study at the Burnetts' home** is Wed evenings at 7 pm. New people are always welcome.

**Pastor Curtis will begin a Wednesday morning Bible study** on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the conference room.

***We would love to see several more Bible/book studies start this fall. If you would like to host or lead a study please talk to Ray Carter.***

**The Young Adult/College Age Sunday School Class** will be starting Sunday October 3 at 9:30ish..(Maggie says 9:30, Jerry says 9:45!). Join us for breakfast in the Keck Social Hall at 9:15 and help us decide what time to meet and which room to meet in! See you then!

## **Camp Utaba Work Day**

Come join us at Utaba for a work day on Saturday October 23 and/or October 30, 2010. There will be projects for all. Each person working will earn a \$30 coupon for the AB Youth Camp or Family Camp for 2011. One coupon per person even if you come for two work days.

Come all day or part of the day as your schedule permits. Most of the work will be done inside washing walls and cleaning the shower house.

Tracye and Scott welcome you to spend Friday and Saturday night to make it a fun weekend. The lodging and food are free. Call your church Utaba Board member or camp at 801-745-3570.

There is a special request for mid week help in putting a new roof on one of the upper cabins. Scott needs to have one or more people come to work with him to do this. It may take two days. If you are willing to come please call Scott. He is offering free food and lodging for your help.

## **Autumn Fest 2010:**

Doug Huntsman and friends will be hosting Autumn Fest on **October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.** Chili and hot dogs will be served, Spook Alley by the ABYouth, games, prizes and Trunk or Treating. Come join the fun. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Costumes encouraged.

**Sandra Clegg, Member Care Ministry**, sends heartfelt thanks to all those who helped make the Coming Home Picnic at Fairmont Park a huge success:

Doug Huntsman and his cooks for the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs, Lynn Christensen for the efficient setup and cleanup, Pat and Paul Ditton who generously helped with everything and all of the First Baptist Family for providing unique, yummy potluck and for just pitching in and helping.

Summer can prove to be a challenge in terms of providing hospitality time after Sunday worship, but thanks to Pat Ditton who leads the hospitality team and her cohorts Lee Fry and Julia Watson, coffee and goodies were enjoyed June through August. We appreciate all of you who met your commitments.

Pat Huntsman and the Telephone Tree callers along with Maggie Chaney and the Email Tree deserve a great deal of gratitude for communicating all the many needs of our folks requiring our ongoing, steadfast prayers.

Upcoming activities: Cookie Brigade will be delivering Halloween treats in the month of October. Contact Sandra Clegg at 801-466-7143 for names of anyone needing some good, scary cheer!

Thanks, Sandra

## **Mission News**

On September 11, 2010 a group of 5 people were asked to participate in a meeting with five of our sister churches in California (we attended via conference call). The meeting was sponsored by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and is part of a program called The Missional Church Learning Experience (MCLE). In this program churches are asked to form a mission team of five people who will participate in four meetings over the course of the year to talk about being missional in one's community. In between meetings, the teams will "practice" missional principles as they seek input from the community, discern a project and partners, and share the experience within the congregation and with our sister churches. Ann Burnett has agreed to work with our team which includes Jim Butler, Greg Paiz, Mary Burnett and Pastor Curtis. Please watch for more information about what the team is doing and keep us in prayer as we discern God's mission within our context. The following article are Mary Burnett's reflections on the MCLE project.

### **The Change that Will Come**

By Mary Burnett

Mission. Before Pastor Curtis Price came to our Church we had a pretty simple idea of the meaning of this word. To us the word mission meant helping people in the community. I understood this definition, in a broad sense, because I could see it in our Can Can project and Service Sunday initiatives. But after the conference call I took with Curtis and other members of our Church last Saturday morning, the word mission holds a new meaning for me. My new way of defining this word is more specific and yet it seems as simple as the first; in fact you might say they are too similar.

Mission is helping and involving the community. Oh no. Now you're worried. It sounds like a pretty steep request right? How does one get the community involved?

Well, I strongly believe that three simple words will help us with this intimidating conundrum. We need to convey an "Authentic Faith Community". Let me explain by defining these three words.

1. Authentic means real. We need to show people we are real and true.
2. We need faith to make it work and to have the strength to continue.
3. We should communicate with our Church and our community to do what needs to get done.

So there you are. You have already started the first step to helping our Church with our Mission work. You have listened. The next thing that you can do to be extremely helpful would be to communicate. Now by this I do NOT mean turn around and whisper to me during Church that you loved my paper and agree with what I had to say. No, that is not the kind of communication I am probably too harshly requesting.

The communication I would like you to do is not only with me but with our whole Church. Don't just bring it up to our Mission Team because the truth is we are all on the Mission Team. Talk amongst yourselves about mission. We are all going to help do Mission. And together we can invite more people and change something that could potentially end up being even larger than ourselves.

So stay strong. Stay persistent and keep your faith in God and each other that we can all help and make a change.

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