



The Beacon

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Coming Home

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice! - Philippians 4:4

At times it felt like it would never get here and at other times it seemed to go at break-neck speed. But now we are finally here and it is really beginning to feel like home again. This is the third time I have left the “pretty, great state” of Utah and it has made me realize that as much as I joke about Jesus being the only thing that could ever get me to move back to Utah, I really do love it here. It is beautiful and there is something special about the people I meet. The mainline churches are unique here and they have a spirit about them that I really resonate with. And so, as we celebrate Homecoming and our return to the program year it is for me a personal homecoming as well. But it is more than that.

Homecoming is about returning to a place of comfort where people feel safe and affirmed. It is about being in a place where one can be his/her self without fear of rejection. It is not a celebration that looks to the past but one that is looking ahead at all that we will do in the coming year (years) together. It is a time of renewal, recommitment and revival; a time when faith and action go hand in hand. So I invite you to join me in this very special Homecoming celebration on Sunday, September 12th as we look forward to experiencing together all that the future promises.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Curtis

September at FBC:

- Sept 5: Last 10 am Worship—Pastor Curtis' First Sunday
First Choir Rehearsal following worship
- Sept 6: Office and Child Care Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 8: Church Administration Meeting at 6:30
- Sept 11-12 Rummage Sale opens at 8 am
- Sept 12: Homecoming Sunday—**Worship moves to 11 am**
- Sept 15: Child Care Team meeting at 6 pm
- Sept 17-18: Rummage Sale opens at 8 am
- Sept 17: Bingo at 7 pm
- Sept 20: Discipleship Team at 6 pm
- Sept 22: Council at 5:45 pm

Happy Birthday to: Sept 1 Doug Huntsman, Sept 3; Evan Willett, Melba Mecham and Gordon Remington; Sept 5: Gaylene Barnes, Vicky Willett, Sept 9; Eliza Borysiuk, Sept 13 Don Foster Sept 15: Tricia Lyons. Sept 19: Jerry Chaney, Max Young Sept 20: Max Rothwell, Sept 21: Edith Fulkerson, Sept 22: Alex Kinghorn, Ida Painter Sept 23: Jackie Nielsen, Sept 24: Ashleigh Thompson, Sept 25: Ray Carter, Katelyn Klassen, Aug 26: Robyne Roth, Sept 27: Maria Kinghorn, Robyn Rausher Fellows Sept 29: Maggie Chaney, Matt Winzenried.

Sunday September 12—Homecoming Sunday

Been away for the summer? COME HOME
Been away for a few months? COME HOME
Been away for a year or more? COME HOME

Join us Sunday, September 12th for Homecoming Sunday.
Worship moves to 11 am, the Choir returns and we will celebrate communion during worship

Then it is off to Fairmont Park!
Hamburgers and the fixings will be furnished—Doug Huntsman and crew will be cooking!
Please bring a covered dish to share.
Sheltered Reality will perform for us after dinner.
We will pay for your entrance to the pool if you would like to swim that afternoon.

Come Home and join your church family as we begin the fall season.

CHAPEL VOLUNTEERS:

Each month we present 30 minute sessions for our FBCCC children in our beautiful chapel. The children sing as we go down the hall from the ChildCare Center to the Chapel. "We are going to Chapel today, we are going to sing and pray, we are going to hear about Jesus, we are going to learn of God's love." I invite you to join with me, as a First Baptist member, in sharing a Bible story, a Christian song with actions and movement, a personal experience that small children would enjoy hearing about. It is really a pleasure to work with these little ones ages three through five. Vacation time brings us the occasion to work with the Cave Kids, ages 5-10. We can arrange Chapel sessions for them, too.

We have books, instruments and sometimes musicians available to help. Our Pastor has volunteered to come with his guitar and sing with the children occasionally during Chapel. Our Child Care office staff is always willing to shepherd the children along with their teachers as we teach the children how to come to the Chapel in a reverent way ready to listen and learn and praise the Lord. Please let me know if this is something you would like to do with us from time to time. Chapel is usually on a Tuesday at 10:30 as this fits in with the Center Schedule.

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Calling all 7th graders!! ABY wants you to join us on Sunday evenings for fun, service and fellowship. Come and see what we're all about!! Questions? See, call, or email Esther Chelsea-McCarty. (801-582-7019 or edcm1@yahoo.com)

Calling All Girls: Grades 3-12.

A.B. G.I.R.L.S. will meet on Wednesday, September 29; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Questions: Call Karen-801-918-5104 or e-mail Karen at rkcarter1@comcast.net

THANK YOU to all of those who made cakes for our hospitality reception for the Salt Lake Choral Artists. They were most impressed and very grateful to us for the warm welcome they received. Thanks to Gary and Kathy Felker, Jeff Norris and Peggy Keiffer, Jeannette Flamming and Greg Paiz who served and welcomed our guests.

The Chancel Choir begins rehearsal Sept 5th following worship. They begin singing in worship Sept 12th. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Larry Wanner is spending the month of September packing his house and moving into an apartment. He could use some help with loading boxes etc. If you could help for an hour or a day or more please talk to Larry.

Christian Education News:

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

Classes for Junior and Senior High Kids, Young Adults, College Age Adults and Ray Carter's Bible study will be at **9:45 and dismiss at 10:30 each Sunday**.
Breakfast will be served at 9:30 am.

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

Pastor Curtis will begin a Wed morning Bible study on October 6th 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.

A Note to ABY and ABGIRLS Parents from the Council of Ministries:

Dear Parents:

As we begin a new school year, ABGIRLS and ABY will once again be parking cars during the U of U football games and doing other fundraisers to support their programs.

ABGIRLS also do the concessions for the monthly Bingo events on the third Friday of each month. Most of the money earned will be going towards expenses for the National Youth Gathering.

We ask you, as parents, to help make sure your young folks sign up to work the parking lots or Bingo nights and then show up when they are signed up or asked to be there.

Their attendance and help with fund raising for these trips will help them be able to attend these events and help with their share of the costs of travel and lodging etc.

Esther and Karen spend many hours working for our youth and the young people in their charge need to help them with the fundraising in order to be eligible to participate in these events which can be life changing for teens.

Please do all you can to encourage your young people to help with these fund raising projects.

Gary Felker, Moderator
And the members of the Council of Ministries.

How to Contact the Pastor:

Office: 801-582-4921, to leave a message press 3

Email: pastorcurtis@firstbaptist-slc.org

Home: 801-484-5901

Pastor Curtis will take Mondays as his day off for the week.

Please contact the Pastor

1. If you or a family member is hospitalized and need a pastoral visit. The hospitals no longer call us or have a list available.
2. If there is a death—call immediately
3. If you need counseling or have a problem and desire to talk to the Pastor
4. Contact Pastor Curtis just to say Hi, Thanks or What can I do to help.

Mark your Calendar for October:

Oct 6: Pastor Curtis' Bible study begins at 11 am

Oct 17: Installation of Pastor Curtis Price as Pastor of FBC

Oct 22: Autumn Fest

Oct 29-30: State ABWomen Conference.

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