



### **Kathy Felker takes the first ride on the new stair glide!**

Thanks to all who attended the St. Patrick's Day dinner and dessert auction and the Third Friday Bingo. Between the two events and several donations we were able to install the new lift and pay for it in full! The new lift has several safety features and will serve us well for years to come.

### **Make Summer Count!**

Come to Camp Utaba for a week of getting away, connecting with old friends, making new ones, having fun and getting closer to God. There'll be campfires, games and water fun. Of course we will have all those traditional activities one expects at camp such as crafts, music, food, hikes and much more. Our summer camps are open to young people of all faiths. So don't let summer go to waste, make it count at Camp Utaba.

### **Utah Association of American Baptist Churches Summer Camps July 12 – 17, 2015**

Teen Camp (grade 7-12) Directed by Curtis Price (801) 582-4921 [Pastorcurtis@firstbaptist-slc.org](mailto:Pastorcurtis@firstbaptist-slc.org)

Kid's Camp (grade 3-6) Directed by Lisa Rausher-Hekking (801) 943-3347 [lhekking@comcast.net](mailto:lhekking@comcast.net)

And Wendy Winzenreid (801) 944-8734 [wendywinzenreid@aol.com](mailto:wendywinzenreid@aol.com)

Applications will be available soon.

April at FBC:

April 11: Baby shower for Baby Boy Medina 1 – 5 pm  
April 14: Men's Fellowship at Fiddler's Elbow at 6:30 pm  
April 17: Third Friday Bingo at 7 pm  
April 24: SL Men's Choir concert 7:30 pm  
April 25: SL Men's Choir concert 7:30 p,  
April 28: Men's Fellowship at Fiddler's Elbow at 6:30 pm

Happy Birthday to: April 2: Dennis McCracken. Max Gonzales. April 5: Marlo Brown. April 9: Judy Rausher. April 10: Tori Wood. April 17: Pat Huntsman, Cindy Trent. April 19: Loren Rausher. April 22: Jane Nelson. April 23: Paul Ditton, Caitlin Fellows, Bugs Stanley. April 24: Tom Burnett. April 26: Shirley Cannon, Ryan Winzenried, Hunter Dabel. Natalie Meadowcroft; April 27: Jackie Mercado. April 29: Amber Barnes, Winnie Hollenbeck.

**Thank You to all who worked so hard to make Easter so wonderful:**

To everyone who read during the services of Holy Week.

To Aaron Flood for his beautiful music.

To Beth Bruce and the Cathedral Choir for the joy of their music

To all those who prepared, cooked, served and cleaned up the Easter Breakfast and reception I would list names but I would forget someone—it was amazing to see the number of folks that volunteered to help.

To all of those who donated Easter Lilies and flowers.

We know how to do Easter!!!

**We would like to thank** everyone for the prayers, cards and concerns during our illness.

It was very much appreciated. A special thanks to my ABW ladies.

In God's love

Jackie and Ron Nielsen

**ABGIRLS News:**

Congratulations Celine David, selected to be the next AB GIRLS National Convener.

Mary Burnett will be a guest speaker at the National AB GIRLS Leadership Academy this June in Kansas City, KS.

AB GIRLS Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction will be Sunday, May 17. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Tickets will be available April 12.

Proceeds will support our trip to Kansas City. In addition to the Leadership Academy, the girls will complete a mission project.



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## The Next Words of Christ

Easter has come and gone and we are left with merely a faint echo of Allelujah ringing in our ears. It is a quiet time in the life of the church (relatively). However, I am reminded that the Gospel story does not end at the Easter Story. Jesus had yet more to say. The days that follow the resurrection are filled with affirmations and reassurances for the followers of Jesus. Thomas is told to “see here my hands, see here my side” that he might see and believe. Jesus goes on to say, “But blessed are they who do not see and yet believe.” He is talking about you and me, those who have only heard the Good News. Jesus meets two confused people walking on the Road to Emmaus and opens their hearts to a new understanding of old scriptures and then as they break bread together they realize it was Jesus who had come along side and walked their journey with them, helping them see. How comforting to know that Christ still joins us on the road. Jesus meets Peter and the other disciples on the beach where he helps them catch breakfast. He then undoes the three denials of Peter by asking him three times if he loves him. Jesus charges Peter, “Feed my sheep.” We are still called and equipped to indeed care for the people that Jesus came to save. Finally, in Matthew, we are charged with the Great Commission and told to go throughout the world proclaiming the good news and baptizing people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In other words, we are to be sharing our story and inviting people in to share theirs. All the while, “lo, I am with even unto the end of the age.” That is the heart of what the resurrection (and post-resurrection) story is all about. Even death cannot take Jesus away from us. He abides with us always. May the joy of Easter and the power of the resurrection persist in our hearts throughout the days to come until we experience it anew next year.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Curtis