

48 bottles of lotion  
21 bottles of mouthwash  
Several toothbrushes and toothpaste

### **Lunches of Love:**

**This coming Sunday (Oct. 4th)** we are asking for donations of loaves of bread for our LOL (lunches of love) project. The bread we receive will be used to make sandwiches which are then donated as part of the project. Please consider bringing a loaf and leave it at the altar. We can still use chips, individual fruit cups, cookies, crackers, peanut butter and jelly.

**For the month of October the Can Can will begin a new drive.** We will be hoping to fill the Can with coffee donations (including non-perishable cream, sugar and sugar substitutes) for The Haven of Salt Lake City. The Haven is a residential program that provides support from those suffering from addiction. Coffee is part of the process and they are in special need of this supply. Please give generously to the Can. Coffee is truly a vital part of the wonderful work they do at The Haven.

**ABYouth will start selling 2016 calendars** following worship in Keck Hall. Order yours early!

**White Cross:** We will once again be participating in the White Cross mission. You may pick up a white cross next Sunday during People Need People Dinner, buy what is on the cross and return them by Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. This year we are collecting for Cordova Community Christian Center in Cordova, Alaska. Here is what they need:

Visa Gift Cards, 3 rolls gift wrapping paper, coloring books, 16 count crayons, packs of 12 blue or black pens, #2 pencils, 5 boxes of modeling clay, colored pencil sets, spiral notebooks, 12 sets of watercolor paints with brushes, kickballs, 5 sets of baby booties, 5 baby sweaters, dish towels, hand puppets and several quilts or comforters. You can also give cash to Joyce Urry so she can purchase the gift cards. For more information talk to Joyce.

care of the hams, to Michael "Bugs" Stanley for being our great DJ and to the clean up crew—your work was so important to our event so Thanks!!

**We would like to thank Rowland Hall for the gift of the new chairs for the hall!!!!** They are wonderful and will last a long time. **So we have chairs to get rid of—we are going to sell them 6 for \$30 to start a project fund! Talk to Dennis about purchasing your chairs today!**

**We are looking for a group of folks to take communion to our shut ins each month.** Talk to Rea Petersen if you would like to help.

**Another BIG THANK YOU** to an anonymous giver and AB Women for the funds to buy 12 new round tables for Keck Hall. Please help us take good care of these tables.

### Missions News

**STRETCH FORWARD is the theme for the ABC-USA International Ministries (IM) World Mission Offering this year.** In Philippians 3:13-14, Paul writes "...forgetting the things which are behind, and *stretching forward* to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal..." This is a reminder that our life in Christ is not a once-and-done decision, but rather, a lifelong journey as we stretch forward in response to God's leading each day of our lives.

Although International Ministries helps ABC-USA missionaries throughout the world (in 70 different countries), there is an emphasis on a partnership with Hungarian Baptist Aid (HBAid). In 2014 HBAid took over the supervision and direction of 49 schools (17,000 students in grades K-12) in Hungary that were formerly run by local governments under Communist rule. HBAid is now teaching traditional subjects as well as English and the Bible. In addition to providing the oversight of the schools, missionaries are arriving to help with facilities maintenance, and prevention & wellness education.

The World Mission Offering typically takes place in September each year, but this year, we at First Baptist SLC will be raising money to support this ministry during the month of October. You are invited to give at any time throughout the month, but the main collection will be on October 25.

**AB GIRLS are accepting used,** mixed matched, single, pairs, and or new socks for the Rescue Mission.

**AB GIRLS collected and delivered** the following hotel size toiletries to the Adult Detox Center sponsored by the Volunteers of America:

121 bars of soap or body wash

60 bottles of shampoo

70 bottles of conditioner

October 24—6:30 pm

Come Celebrate Fall

Dinner includes brats, (hot dogs for the Kids)

Carnival in the gym

Bounce House

Spook Alley

Trunk or Treat

Stein Auction

German Music

Tickets go on Sale October 11 \$10 adults, \$5 children  
12 and under.

**Announcing the New Fall Season for Community Prayer in the Chapel!** We will be changing our format a bit, so come one, come all to find out more! We meet the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) at 10:30 in Skaggs Chapel for 1/2 hour to pray for those on our prayer list.

**Thanks** to all who made Homecoming so successful: To Wendy Winzenreid and Robyn Rausher-Fellows and crew for decorating the hall, to our cheerleaders—Sophie Davies, Virginia Grace Price and Tori Wood; to Julia Watson and Pat Ditton for the kitchen set up and help, to Kevin Wood for taking

My sincere thanks, appreciation and gratitude to all who helped in some way with the rummage sale. It takes many hands, many hours and a lot of dedicated and hard work to make a sale like this a success.

Our help and mission work this year first of all went to all those who came to the sale and purchased items. It is really rewarding to see how grateful most are at the help we can give them. We also gave to the Catholic Church in Fillmore, Utah who in turn distribute clothing to the migrant workers and their families; to Calvary Baptist Church who have a thrift store in Glendale Park to help those in need; to the homeless youth of Salt Lake City; and as a special school project we gave many pairs of shoes to be sent to children in Africa. Most of our items that were left over were picked up by the Multiple Sclerosis and Habitat for Humanity.

A special thank you to Shirley Cannon, Co-Chairman and to Robyn Rausher-Fellows for all their help to the sale and to me.

This year we made approximately \$6300.00 which will help greatly with our mission work here at Church and abroad.

Thank you again everyone and blessings to you all.

### **Judy Rausher, Chairman**

**Sunday Seminars:** For many folks, getting up early on Sunday Morning to attend Sunday School is not their most pressing concern. Yet these people need opportunity to wrestle with contemporary issues and consider what a Christian response should be. With this in mind, we are planning a series of 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Seminars – a one hour presentation following the People Need People Dinner on the first Sunday of each month. These timely topics will provide much food for thought and meaningful discussion, beginning with **October 4 A Conversation about Race**– Pastor Curtis and Shirley Rogers

**Activity Bags--** We have activity bags at the door of the church for little ones who remain in worship.

BUT—we are missing about 10 bags!! Did one find its way home with you? If so please return it to the tree in the sanctuary. THANKS!

**My Favorite Things:** Precious Memories of the (Christmas) Season. FBC will again produce our own Advent book this year. Looking for 200-250 word submissions from any one who loves, attends and/or supports the ministry of FBC. Please share your words of encouragement, love, wisdom or seasonal experience. We need 27 submissions by October 30. Please see Kelly Byrnes or email him at [kellyb84321@msn.com](mailto:kellyb84321@msn.com).

## October Fest 2015

initially invited 20 participants to cover as many opinions and demographics as possible; however, 8 people were able to participate. We worked together to pull out common themes among the survey that 40 church participants submitted.

Here is a list of the common themes in reviewing the past 5 years:

**What did Pastor Curtis do well?**

Community Outreach  
Working with youth  
Teaching/Education  
Mission  
Balance in Music & Worship

**What could Pastor Curtis have done better?**

Delegation  
Listening  
Thoughtful reflection before speaking  
Building relationships with elderly & shut ins  
Finances & speaking out about stewardship

**What has the Church done well?**

Community Outreach  
Inclusion  
Youth Ministry  
Choir/Music/Praise Band  
Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

**What could the Church have done better?**

Communication  
Drawing People In, including Increase Financial Support  
Parking Lot  
ABC Offerings/Relationship  
Staffing

**Focus in the Future:**

Increase Financial Security  
Support the Physical Aspects of the Building  
Repair the Parking Lot/Add Accessibility  
Draw People in and do the work of the Church.....

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me! Shannon Ellis, Moderator

**2015 RUMMAGE SALE**

reality. I say that confidently because I know that the world around us is longing for what we have here at First Baptist. I can hear it in the voices of the people I come in contact with. I can see it in their eyes. They are looking for something. They have burdens to lay down or they have hopes to pick up. And we have what they are looking for but they don't know it. Yet. We are going to have to figure out creative ways to let them know.

It has been a great five years and I look forward to many years to come. There is nowhere I'd rather be and nothing I would rather be doing.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Curtis

### **Happenings at FBC for October:**

- Oct 4: White Cross gathering begins  
Sunday Seminar following worship. A Conversation About Race
- Oct 6: Ruth's Circle meets at 5 pm in the Library  
Bro's and Beers at Fiddler's Elbow at 6:30
- Oct 20: Bro's and Beers at 6:30 at Fiddler's Elbow
- Oct 21: Council of Ministries at 5:45
- Oct 24: Octoberfest at 6:30 pm

Ongoing:

- Pastor's Bible Study—Wed at 10:30 in the Library
- ABGIRLS—Wed at 6:30
- Burnett Bible Study 7 pm at Ken and Ann Burnetts' home
- Seeker's—North at Peg Keiffer's Thur 10 am
- South at Lee Fry's Mon 1 pm

**Happy Birthday to:** Oct 2: Andrew Burnett. Oct 3: Lynn Christensen, Alyssa Meadowcroft.

Oct 4: Miranda Cannon. Oct 5: Celine David. Oct 11: Weston Hall. Oct 12: Alan Fox. Oct 15: Solomon Guilkey. Oct 16: Pat Ditton. Oct 17: Lois Moser, Taylor Hekking. Oct 18: Morgan Hekking, Judge Brown. Oct 19: Steve Walker. Oct 26: Lisa Benham. Oct 27: Lisa Keysaw. Oct 29: Monty Rogers. Oct 30: Harriett Arreola.

**Hi everyone,** I wanted to follow up with all of you on the focus session that took place on Saturday September 19, 2015 with Dr. Patton and representatives of various demographics of our church. I

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## Time Flies

*But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. – 2 Peter 3:8*

I just passed the five-year mark as Pastor here at First Baptist Church. I have been experiencing a few thoughts and feelings as we have come to this milestone. Here are some of my reflections on my tenure.

First, this is an extraordinary community of faith that really represents the best of what a faith community can be. This church is a place where people can heal from past hurts and reacquire an active and relevant faith. This church is a nurturing family that focuses not on what people have done, but who people are in the eyes of God. This church is more than friendly and is genuine in her appreciation of people. This church is authentic and helps other people feel safe being truly genuine themselves. This church is bold and unafraid to try new ventures as we step out in faith. Finally, this church is passionate about wanting to contribute to the good in the world. This is a great church! I am incredibly blessed to be doing ministry here. If I were not a pastor, this is the kind of church I would want to attend.

Second, the world is less and less interested in church. We are really in a mission field, particularly in presenting the kind of Christianity we live out at First Baptist. We find ourselves in the new territory of having to justify the whole idea that a faith community brings good to the world. What that means for the future of this church is that we must really be clear, honest and very open about who we are and what we are about. We must know why we are a church. We must be willing to hear the critique that comes to us from the secular world we live in and yet not lose our heart in response. We must be willing to be the church outside this building because we have a contribution to make and a story to tell and it is too big and too important to reserve for the 130 or so who gather here on Sunday morning. We must live out a genuine and authentic faith in our everyday lives. No one cares what we say; they care what we do. The world is not interested in hearing platitudes. The world rightfully wants to **see** our faith in action actually making a difference in the lives of the people who profess faith in Christ.

Finally, I said at the start of my time here that First Baptist was made for a time such as this. Now is our time to shine. I believe that the next 5 years are going to see some of our biggest hopes come to