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## Homecoming

I always loved going back to school. Not because of the academic stuff or because I was bored with summer but because I missed seeing my friends that I had not seen over the summer. It was so great to reconnect with people and get caught up on things. The homecoming football game, the dance, the whole thing were more opportunities to reacquaint myself with old friends and even make some new ones. It is this atmosphere of reconnection and celebration that we are hoping for as we at First Baptist celebrate Homecoming Sunday on September 13. We've had a great summer and there has been no shortage of activities going on at church. However, there is something special about fall. We seem to be ready to get back to our "normal routine" which includes our life in church. It's a time of activity and there is a lot going on in the life of the church this fall.

Our Mission team is offering several ways to meet the needs of the Homeless Youth in Salt Lake. In addition to that, we continue to partner with St. Catherine's on serving at Family Promise. Our Young Adults Class is working toward taking a group on a mission trip to Alaska next year and we will be hearing more about that. And as the Legislature begins its session we will be working with the Coalition of Religious Communities to lift our voice on important issues around poverty. In Spiritual Formation, we are planning several Sunday school classes along with some other activities designed to deepen our relationship with God through Christ. We will begin this fall with a class on Spiritual Gifts called "Serving from the Heart". This class begins on September 6 at 9:30 am in Keck Hall. In October we will be offering a class on Paul. This year we are planning to have short lectures on the first Sunday of each month. On September 6<sup>th</sup> we will be offering a 101 on using Social Media to promote the church. This is a one-hour "how to" for those who are not as savvy but would love to promote First Baptist. In October we will be hosting a conversation on race. This is a very timely topic and one we in the church really ought to be speaking to. Then in November we will be talking about aging and looking at resources that are available to help. In addition to all these options we will continue with our Bible Studies and our Small Groups. So there is no shortage of ways to engage in spiritual growth at First Baptist.

As a church family we will nurture and foster deep relationships through Fellowship. After Worship on Homecoming Sunday we will be enjoying a dinner and dancing in Keck Hall. It wouldn't be homecoming without a dance. Then in October we will be hosting our annual fall festival. This year we

will be celebrating Oktoberfest with lots of fun activities for the kids and a good time to be had for adults as well. Each month People Needing People will provide lunch on the first Sundays and we will begin serving breakfast again in September as well.

There are activities and programs for people of all ages. We have a wonderful team who are providing Sunday school for Children in Praise Club during the service. In addition there are Children's activities at the 9:30 hour. And for our youth, our new youth program director Tommy Burnett will be leading ABYouth every Sunday at 1:00 pm. We are also looking for ways to get our college age members together. Watch for more on that.

In the Area of Worship, the Choir will resume on Homecoming Sunday. If you have ever thought about being in the choir, I encourage you to go ahead and give it a try and see if you like it. I feel confident you will. We continue to look for ways to make worship deeply moving and a significant source of inspiration.

So as you can see, Homecoming marks the beginning of a lot of activity in the church. It is our prayer that you are able to connect with the church through these programs and that your faith and sense of community will grow as a result.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Curtis

PS. Who are you bringing to Homecoming? This is a great Sunday to invite a friend. They will really get a feel for what our church is about.

# Homecoming Sept 13, 2015

**We will celebrate the beginning of our new program year with an old fashioned homecoming! Special Worship Service at 11 am. A homecoming meal and Dance in Keck Hall. Music for all generations with DJ Bugs Stanley. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Details to follow in the Beacon!**

***Who are you bringing to Homecoming? (Bring A Friend)***

## September at FBC:

Sept 1: Beers and Bros 6:30 at Fiddler's Elbow  
Sept 2: Pastor's Bible Study 10:30 in the Library  
Sept 6: Communion Sunday  
Sept 7: Office and Child Development Center closed for holiday  
Sept 9: ABGIRLS begins at 6:30 pm  
Sept 11: Rummage Sale opens at 8 am  
Sept 12: Rummage Sale opens at 8 am  
Sept 13: Homecoming Sunday  
Sept 15: Beers and Bros 6:30 at Fiddler's Elbow  
Sept 16 Council of Ministries at 5:45 pm  
Sept 18: Rummage Sale opens at 8 am  
Third Friday Bingo at 7 pm  
Sept 19: Rummage Sale opens at 8 am  
Sept 20: Christian Education begins at 9:30  
Worship at 11 am Baby Dedication of Samuel Medina  
Rummage Sale clean up after worship  
Choir Festival 4 pm  
Sept 25: Foundation Dinner  
Sept 27: Baptism  
Inquiry Session following worship

**Happy Birthday to :** Sept 1: Doug Huntsman. 3: Evan Willett, Melba Mecham, Gordon Remington, Nelson LeDuc. 5: Vicky Willett. 7: Bill Fisher. Sept 17: Catherine Coda. 19: Jerry Chaney. 20: Kevin Winn. 22: Alex Kinghorn, Ida Painter, Steven Schimmelpfenning. 23: Jackie Nielsen. 24: Ashleigh Thompson. 25: Ray Carter, Katelyn Klassen, Virginia Grace Price. 26: Robyn Roth. 27: Maria Kinghorn, Robyn Rausher Fellows. 29: Maggie Chaney, Matt Winzenried

**Your Council of Ministries:** Shannon Ellis—Moderator. Esther Chelsea McCarty—Moderator Elect. Julia Watson—Child Development Center Board Chair. Audrey Kenyon—Discipleship. Rea Petersen—Member Care. Gene Miner—Church Administration. Debbie McBride—Treasurer. Jackie Nielsen—ABW representative. Tommy Burnett—Youth Director. Pastor Curtis Price. Dennis McCracken—Clerk.

***Thank You to Loren and Judy Rausher** who sanded and painted all the window frames in the parlor before the beautiful new blinds and curtains were hung. It was a huge job and well done!*

## **Christian Education News:**

**Our Daily Bread:** The September, October and November issue of **Our Daily Bread** will be available on the table in the hall by the Chapel. This daily devotional booklet is a valuable tool to aid in helping individuals grow spiritually. Be sure to pick up a copy and get in the habit of reading the scripture verses and the short meditation each day. The daily reading takes only a few minutes and it is a great way to start the day! The booklets are free so be sure to get your copy.

### **What Is Your Passion? What Gets Your Attention?**

**Are your talents and interests needed in the ministry of the Church?**

**How can the church help you grow in your faith and find ways to serve?**

If any of these concerns or questions have crossed your mind, then the upcoming series, Serving From the Heart will help you explore these questions and more. Pastor Curtis, with members of the Discipleship Team, will lead a power point discussion of the whole spectrum of spiritual gifts-- what they are, who has them, and how to put them to work. Starting Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am, all the adults in the church are invited to share in this exploration. Sessions will meet in Keck Hall and continue through the month of September.

Sunday School Class in the Parlor: Join Ray Carter on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor and take a journey with others in discovering our relationship with God through Bible study.

Shirley Rogers Young Adult Class meets in their room at 9:30 am.

**A Look Ahead....**Inquirer's Class will meet on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> following the Hospitality Time in Keck Hall. This class is for those who have attended our church and want to know more about our beliefs and practices. For more information talk to Pastor Curtis.

**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.

The monthly seminars are :

**September 6 Social Media** --Pastor Curtis and young people who excel at Facebook and Twitter can help the older folks understand how to use the media to communicate better

**October 4 A Conversation about Race**— Pastor Curtis and Shirley Rogers

**November 1 Aging in Utah**

**December 6 Christmas Box** – all church mission event

**January 10 Coalition of Religious Communities**

**February 7 How We Got Our Bible**—Pastor Curtis

**March 6 A Conversation with a Rabbi**

**April 3 The Church and the Environment**

These one hour presentations and discussions deal with issues that matter to us as Baptists. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

**The Discipleship Team:** Ray Carter, Kelly Byrne, Shirley Rogers, Esther Chelsea-McCarty, Jane Nelson, Children's Chair, Tommy Burnett, Youth Director, Audrey Kenyon Chair

### **PRAISE CLUB**

We look forward to a new school year with our Praise Club Kids each Sunday except Communion Sunday. This program is for children in grades K-6 and is presented during the Worship Service after the Children's Moment. We offer a Lectionary-based curriculum complete with Bible stories, music, hands-on activities, and crafts. We also have activities planned at 9:30 for those who come with parents attending Sunday School. On Communion Sunday, children stay in Worship with their families.

We hope to involve our families with special activities during the year and would love some suggestions as to what might be fun. The Lord has blessed us with these delightful children and we look forward to the weeks ahead.

Our Nursery/Preschool class is offered each Sunday from 9:30-12:30. Care is provided and a lesson from LifeWay Kids curriculum complete with music, Bible stories, hands-on activities, and snacks are provided. We invite your little ones to come and join us.

**Prayer Tree:** A very active ministry here at FBC. We have seen many great things happen and like to believe that our Prayer Tree Ministry had some hand in them. If you would like to be put on the prayer tree ministry send Maggie Chaney your email address and she will get you on it. Maggie's email is: [margaret.chaney@comcast.net](mailto:margaret.chaney@comcast.net)

### **Bible Studies:**

The Pastor's Bible Study begins on September 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Library at 10:30 am. They will begin a study of Romans.

The Burnett Bible Study meets Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at the home of Ken and Ann Burnett. Call Burnetts at 801-558-8076

Seek and Share Group will meet every Monday from 1:00 -2:30 at Rea Petersen's home, 1365 W 6235 S. Their meetings will include a gathering time (light refreshments), a sharing time (study and sharing), and a caring time (prayer). Prayer concerns and joys to be written down, prayed for and taken home to be remembered during the week. There is an empty chair in our midst so others are welcome to come and participate and join the group.

## **ABYouth News:**

Youth at First Baptist is an amazing experience. Through Youth, young people experience fellowship and support as they navigate the challenges of Junior High and High School. In addition to Sundays we have extra events we want to make sure get on your home calendars.

Here is a brief overview of special events that are happening in this part of the school year. Please note that details will follow as we approach each date.

**August 23, 2015:** Youth happens every Sunday from 1:00-3:00 but on the 23<sup>rd</sup> please join with your young person to attend our open house from 12:30-1:00. You will be able to see where the magic happens!

### **September 12, 2015**

Every year First Baptist starts its programming year with Homecoming Sunday which will feature a dance and dinner following worship in Keck Hall.

### **October 24, 2015**

This is the date of our first lock-in at Church, which is an all night-supervised event for the Youth. This night includes the FBC's October Fest. The Youth participate by helping with activities as well as creating a friendly spook alley for the younger kids.

### **November 22, 2015**

In keeping with tradition the Youth help decorate the Church for the upcoming Holiday season. You can totally feel the spirit in the air as we assist with the hanging of the garland and the decorating of the tree.

### **January 8-10, 2016**

These are the dates of our annual Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Utaba. Get ready for sledding, lots of snow and plenty of hot chocolate!

As part of Youth we are responsible and accountable to help, in part, raise money for certain events that are as small as pizza parties and bigger events such as Winter Retreats. We have been very fortunate to be in partnership with Rowland Hall on Guardsman Way (just up the street) to help manage their parking lot during University of Utah football games. That is still the plan but as you can imagine this is a lot of work and I need help from everyone: parents, youth or other interested parties. Not only is this our biggest revenue stream but I am also able to offer earned vouchers for those that work games. Two games (vouchers) equal ½ price on our Winter Retreat. Here is a list of the "possible" games that we will be parking at Rowland Hall: September 12. October 10, 17 & 31 November 21 & 28

Tommy Burnett, Youth Director.

## **A.B.G.I.R.L.S.:**

A.B. G.I.R.L.S. (for all girls grades 3-12) will resume on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the AB GIRLS room. We have several mission projects planned; lots of fundraising events; and hopefully we will be performing a musical in the near future. We look forward to a great year culminating with a trip to Washington DC next summer for girls entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Talk to Karen Carter if you have any questions.

### **Fellowship News:**

Julia Watson and Pat Ditton are always looking for help with fellowship events such as coffee hours and church dinners. Talk to either of them if you are interested in helping.

Upcoming events include: Homecoming Sunday, Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Beers and Bros:** A gathering of the men of the church the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at Fiddler's elbow. Join them for a beverage, dinner and lively conversation and discussions.

**Church Ladies:** A group for women: both members of FBC and their friends. They meet once a month at various homes for a book discussion. For more information talk to Carol Butler-Guilkey.

**Ruth's Circle** holds monthly get togethers. Winnie Hollenbeck chairs this active fellowship gathering and would be happy to put you on the list so you get invitations to their meetings.

**ABWomen** gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month for lunch, conversation and some business. They would love to have you join them.

### **Member Care:**

We have actively been trying to contact our members who are having problems in their life to let them know we are here for them in whatever capacity they need. We are very sincere in our offers of help and hope that the members know they can call on us. Our hope is to not miss anyone but we can only go with whatever information we have, therefore we apologize if we miss someone because it is not intentional.

In an effort that we don't miss someone that is having problems we have divided the Sanctuary into four parts with a person keeping track of those sitting in each section. If someone that regularly attends is missing for a few weeks we can follow up to see if help is needed.

A new program we hope to start up in the fall will be to take communion to those members that are unable to attend.

Another project of the Member Care Team are the Goody Bags that are delivered to our shut ins and others that need a personal contact from us during the month. Shirley Rogers coordinates the filling of the bags and Karen Carter helps get them all delivered. If you can help by going to see one of our folks and deliver a bag from us please talk to Karen.

Rea Petersen is Chair of the Member Care Team.

**Choir News:**

We are fortunate to have a wonderful church choir. They are always looking for members. Talk to Beth if you have an interest in singing with them.

Our Church Choir has been invited to perform at a Choral Festival on Sept 20 at 4 pm at First Presbyterian Church on South Temple. This is being sponsored by the American Choral Directors Association. It is an honor for us to be asked to sing at this event.

**Mission News:**

WOW! Our Can-Can project and our Lunches of Love have been amazing outreaches for us. Just in the last week ABWomen made 65 lunches and the Tuesday team made 47 more. Just think of the kids we have fed.

Several months ago, while looking for a hands on mission project the committee approached the Homeless Youth Resource Center for information. They learned that there are over 1000 homeless youth on the streets of Salt Lake. One of the biggest problems the center faces is trying to feed these homeless kids. They do provide some meals at the center as well as canned goods etc. Out of this information Lunches of Love was born.

**What we need: Individual:** bags of chips, granola bars, fruit cups, cheese and crackers, rice crispy bars, fruit rollups, puddings, fruit cups, cookies. Your donations may be placed in the Can Can barrel which was decorated for us by the teens and the Teen Resource Center.

**Foundation News:****MOMENTUM AND OPPORTUNITY**

Homecoming will be a fun and exciting event kicking off our fall season of church life. We have many new faces in our congregation. Our child development ministry is flourishing. The Youth program is growing anew. There are continued opportunities for spiritual studies and community service. The rebuilding of our air conditioning compound is in the near future. Long desired automatic sprinkler systems for our grounds are installed. Truly, momentum is in the air.

Your Foundation organization is following in these footsteps. The past year has been one of introspection of what Foundation's role has been with First Baptist Church of Salt Lake. We have looked back on our church's history since its founding in 1883. We have marveled at our church's past history of church growth, establishing new church missions, providing weekday Sunday school programs for all, medical services to the public who had no access to medicine, and operation of a trade school for the untrained.

This September 25<sup>th</sup>, the Foundation will be sponsoring a dinner celebrating those in the past who have contributed to our church and brought it to what our church is today. We will introduce our

new recognition program that honors those giving to the Foundation. In addition, there will be a speaker who will provide information about estate planning and different strategies that will make giving an easier goal to achieve.

Over a year ago, the Council of Ministries made the east entrance sidewalk to our church more attractive. The next logical step is to repair and reshape our parking lot with new sidewalks, stairs and ADA ramp providing a recognizable, direct access to the main entrances of our church. With the addition of lighting and landscaping, these improvements will make it easier, safer and friendlier for members and guests to get into our church. So, the Foundation Trustees have voted to join with Pastor Price in developing and paying for a Civil Engineering plan to reach this goal. This study should be completed this fall.

Truly momentum is in the air. Joyfully submitted by your Foundation Trustees:  
Gary Felker, Lee Fry and Ken Burnett.

### **Rummage Sale News:**

It's getting close to the rummage sale. Here are a few reminders:

*No TVs or computer monitors.* They don't sell and we have to dispose of them.

Please bring big items to the gym after Aug 30<sup>th</sup>. This way we don't have to move them twice.

You may deliver items for the sale during the weeks of Aug 31-Sept 4 or September 8-Sept 10.

Talk to Judy Rausher about deliveries.

*We need everyone's help to move to the gym on Aug 30<sup>th</sup>.*

Sorting will begin Aug 31—watch the bulletin for times you can help. The Sale is Sept 11,12,18 and 19.

Lots of help will be needed during the sale.

Rummage sale clean up is September 20 following worship.