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For this month's article I would like to share a poem I wrote in Seminary that I came across the other day. May it be a blessing.

New Eyes  
by  
Curtis Price

The world looks very ugly  
As I look with Human eyes  
To see hate, distrust and greed;  
All traits we should despise.

Instead we draw them near  
And hold them in our hearts.  
We, impassioned toward apathy,  
Bring not caring to an art.

Our loneliness consumes us,  
We are bored with even ourselves  
So we scramble for fulfillment  
Yet become mere empty shells.

Empty bodies being led  
By the TVs we say we own.  
Our lives become commercials;  
We become mere clones.

We learn that love is found  
Wrapped within the arms  
Of one we hardly know  
But possesses looks and charm.

I see a glorious place,  
Filled with radiant light  
That shines on every face  
And consumes the gloom of night.

I see a world of hope,  
The world God has made.  
Through Christ the bad turns good  
And every debt is paid.

Human hearts are changed,  
Hate and greed are gone.  
We are our brother's keeper.  
We are not in this alone

Poverty is cured,  
True love is found,  
We scramble to help each other,  
Charity knows no bounds.

Success is found in what we own  
And how we become "self made."  
Not how we treat our neighbors,  
But how we do our trade.

We steal, and lie, and cheat,  
And kill; this human race.  
We don't care if people starve,  
Just don't do it in our face.

A world without hope.  
That's how it looks to me  
As I look through human eyes.  
I am scared by what I see

Then I take the Bible  
And I peel into God's word  
Where it talks of faith and hope;  
Two words I've often heard  
But when the spirit says them  
And their meaning God unties,  
I begin to see the world  
With the Holy Spirit's eyes

Perhaps you find this crazy,  
And find it hard to buy  
But then you must be looking  
At the world with human eyes

To you I say just this;  
That Jesus has a dream  
And you my friend are in it.  
Its not as crazy as it seems.

For in Jesus Christ is love;  
A love that knows no bounds.  
Faith and hope are in Him  
In Him they can be found.

In Christ I share this dream,  
With heart and soul and tongue,  
For hope is the song we hear  
But faith is how its sung.

### **August at FBC:**

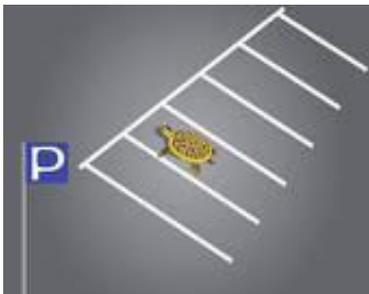
- Aug 1: Beers and Bros at Fiddler's Elbow at 6 pm
- Aug 11: Child Development Center Anniversary party at 4 pm
- Aug 15: Beers and Bros at Fiddler's Elbow at 6 pm
- Aug 20: Bob Brown's retirement party and Chicken in the Courtyard
- Aug 22: Council of Ministries at 5:45 pm
- Aug 26: Tarps down for Rummage Sale at 9 am
- Aug 27: Move Rummage Sale to the gym following worship
- Aug 28: Rummage Sale sorting begins

Happy Birthday to: Aug 1: Mitchell Keysaw. Aug 2: Ethan Huntsman. Aug 3: Ryan Watson. Aug 4: Thomas Hekking. Aug 5: Rev. Ellis Keck. Aug 6: Aaron Flood. Aug 9: Heather Brown, Hallie Watson, Sophie Davies. Aug 12: Kristen Carter. Aug 14: Mary Burnett, Cazzie Brown, Jack Price, Don Petersen. Aug 15: Carter Aguilar. Aug 18: Laura Brick. Aug 20: Paula Bond. Aug 21: Royce Moser. Aug 23: Scott Huntsman, Jake Keysaw, Janeen Roach. Aug 24: Margaret Bond. Aug 25: Haddie Williams, Gloria Peterson. Aug 26: Olga Smith, Trish Winzenried. Aug 28: Christian Aguilar. Aug 31: Tristen Wolters.

**Happy Birthday First Baptist Church Child Development:** Our Child Development Center celebrates its 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Aug 12. They will celebrate at a program and party on Friday Aug 11 beginning at 4 pm. Everyone is invited.

**Praise Club returns on Sunday, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Breakfast starts again Sept 17<sup>th</sup>.** If you would like to help with breakfast we have people to help you. Vicki Firestack will be handling the schedule and sending reminders and Ken Burnett will be recruiting chefs and helping with ideas for menus and the kitchen. Talk to them about this important ministry.



**Parking Lot News:** As you have likely guessed the parking lot is a bit behind. About 3 or 4 weeks from where we wanted to be by now. Beaver Builders has been in conversation with Ray and myself about the delays as they have happened. The main issues have been the inspectors that have to come verify things for the regulating agencies. Things end up on hold while we wait for them to come give us the go ahead and they are taking up to two days to show up. The

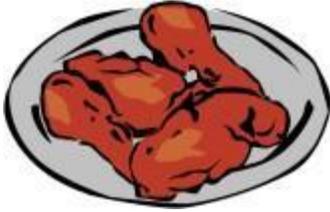
other issue is that the engineers have required that the contractor remove the native soil that was removed for the drain system and replace it with road base to fill in the trenches. The sub was planning to replace the native soil and compact it and then cover the whole lot in 8" road base. So the removal of the soil and the bringing in of road base has caused a slow down as well. Finally, the contractors have been working hard to accommodate the childcare and the church while the East High lot was unavailable and that meant keeping half of the lot open longer than they expected.

**Another Parking Lot issue:** You may have noticed that our attendance is down during the construction, which also means that the offerings are down too. If you are behind in your tithes and pledges please try and catch up as we are having a struggle paying all of our bills this month.



**Having served us for over 20 years, Bob Brown is going to retire the end of August.** Bob has worked hard as Custodian and his love for FBC is evident. We wish him well in his retirement. We will honor Bob on August 20<sup>th</sup> during our Chicken in

the Courtyard Dinner. Join us as we say THANK YOU.



**Chicken in the Courtyard** will be held on Aug 20<sup>th</sup> following worship. We will furnish the chicken and the beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

**Lunches of Love needs:** Spoons, fruit, fruit snacks, rice crispy treats, jelly, granola bars, chips, zip lock sandwich bags, brown lunch sacks.

### **Rummage Sale News**

**Due to the delay in the parking lot we have moved the Rummage Sale to September—here is the new schedule:**

- Aug 26: Get the tarps down at 9:30 am
- Aug 27: Move to the Gym
- Aug 28-31: Sorting begins each day at 8 am
- Sept 5-6; Sorting Continues
- Sept 7: Soft opening for Child Care staff & parents: Noon to 7 pm
- Sept 8: Sale opens 8 am to 7 pm
- Sept 9: Sale opens 8 am to 4 pm
- Sept 14: Sale opens noon to 7 pm
- Sept 15: Sale opens 8 am to 7 pm
- Sept 16: Sale opens 8 am to 4 pm
- Sept 17: Sale clean up after worship

We are out of storage room so we ask you to wait until Aug 27 to bring your items for the sale.

We do have flyers that can be hung in break rooms or businesses for you. Most places allow you to hang things for two weeks so if we could get flyers hung all over town the first part of September that would be great. They can be found on the volunteer desk in the office.

Sign up sheets will be up soon. Please remember that this is an entire Church event. This year 70% of the proceeds will go to our Special Projects Fund.

### **Summer Camp Reflections from Curtis:**

Thirty-eight campers came to camp this year for the Utah Association Summer Camp at Camp Utaba. We had a wonderful time. There were youth there from almost every one of our

association churches. The group was mostly made up of teens although it was open to young people from 4<sup>th</sup> grade on up. Throughout the week we built community through games and challenges. We made new friends and connected to old ones. We tapped into our artistic side with engaging crafts and we spent time in prayer, worship and learning about the Big God we love and serve. Some of the highlights include building a prayer labyrinth, Tie-dying t-shirts (Thank you Maggie and Jerry Chaney), exploring the river, Drum Circle with Mike Liston, Hiking with Matt Chaney, the water slide, Canteen Time (Thank you Wendy Winzenreid for picking up the snacks), s'mores by the fire, and watching the movie that Doug Huntsman put together on the last night (Thanks Doug).

As a director, the best part of camp is seeing young people just enjoy being young. When they go to camp they get away from all the worries of life back home and they are allowed to just run around and be young. It is a rare treat in their busy lives. In this environment, they finally have some spiritual space within themselves to really connect with Christ and wonder about faith. They become fertile soil for planting the seeds of faith.

I thank you all for the support that is given to the camping program. Many young people who wouldn't be able to go otherwise were able to participate because you all contributed to our scholarship fund. So thank you. I also wish to thank the incredible staff: Nick Chaney, Nolan Dumas (from Ogden First), Steven Schimmelphenning, Mike Liston (first timer), Melissa Bishop, Joey Thomas (first timer), Jr Counselors Josh Davies and Celine David and the co-directors Katy Price, Tommy Burnett and Rachel Winzenreid. It doesn't happen without a lot of help so thank you to everyone.

### **In Other Camp News**

The Manager's New House was completed at the beginning of the summer and it is beautiful. The house along with much needed replacements of the septic tanks were funded by the sale of the 7 acres of land detached from the camp across the road. The property has not sold yet so we are making payments on the house until the land can be sold. This is very doable within the current income. The camp is doing a great job and the calendar stays pretty full. Here is a picture of the new house. It is a 4 bedroom 2 full baths home with just over 2300 sq ft.

Also has an office area and a family room, kitchen, dining room, and front room. Congratulations Scott and Traycee.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Curtis



**More about the A.B.H.M.S. Partner Network, May, 2017, at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon**

Why this gathering now?

American Baptist Home Mission Societies has launched the network strategy to better connect with existing and new partners, and to better connect partners with each other to expand mission impact through the United States and Puerto Rico. To be more intentional and strategic in this effort, ABHMS recognizes that, in these times, more collaboration is needed to fulfill God's mission for cultivating leaders, equipping disciples, and healing and transforming communities.

Karen Carter

**Mark Your Calendar—Celebration Sunday—September 10,**



**2017**

Our theme this year is ***One Connection At A Time***

Worship at 11 am

Hamburger Fry and picnic at Fairmont Park in the North Pavilion follows.

We will furnish the burgers, dogs and all the fixings. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. The pool will be available for you to swim and play following the picnic.