



The Beacon

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Wild pieces....

There are three women in my immediate family. I'm recognizable as the one born without the quilting gene. My sisters collect bits of cloth in myriad colors and designs, cut them into clever shapes, and with careful skill, sew tiny pieces into comforting works of large, astoundingly-beautiful art. Because I'm a church-geek, it's not a stretch for me to imagine God is a bit of a quilter. Few of us, lay or ordained, have big lives, with jobs or positions that dramatically impact whole communities. Our lives – which are actually our ministries as disciples - seem to deal with such ordinary things that it's hard to see if they have any lasting impact at all. The ways we touch each other's lives are often fleeting and unnoticed; like visiting the hospital, hugging a kid in the hall, teaching Sunday School, moving tables from the rummage sale, praying for peace, remembering a visitor's name. The list goes on.

Yet a common theme of the gospel is the contrast between powerful people who seem to have grand impacts, and those whose acts are small and largely unnoticed. In word and in deed, Jesus demonstrated time and again that everyday acts of service and small gestures have enormous potential when they contribute to the whole of God's love for the world. Wild pieces, gifts really. And there are, *'a variety of gifts, but the same spirit* (1 Corinthians 12:4).

It has been a privilege to lead worship, preach and love you in the seven-week absence of your dear Pastor Curtis. The sincerity and kindness you bring to your relationships with each other, your unsung service to the larger community (all those sandwiches!), your welcome of strangers, and your faithfulness to God through thick and thin are lovely fabric pieces if you will, sewn together by the Spirit in what is known as the Kingdom of God. My sincere thanks.

In Christ,

Catherine Putnam-Netto

You Were Missed

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10:24-25

As most of you know, my father passed away in July while I was on my sabbatical. I thank all of you for your prayers and support and the many cards. Thank you to the Burnetts for the meal. I know that everyone was concerned about me and eager to do something to help. Of course, I was not there so you were relying on others to let you know I was doing ok. I know that was frustrating for some. To be honest it was a little strange for me as well. It didn't feel right to not be with my church family on the Sunday following my Dad's death. I felt a little lost even as I attended church with one of our sister churches in the city. The warmth and affection of my faith community was what was missing. Even though I knew and felt the prayers of all of you, it was not quite the same as being in your midst as we worship together. The sacred space where I had so often come in times of spiritual drought was missing. The familiar faces and generous love of the First Baptist community was missing. There is much that I got out of my time on sabbatical, but one thing stands out: I belong at First Baptist Church. It is my spiritual home and where I come when I need to know God is there and I am not alone. It is my fervent prayer that you also feel this way about First Baptist Church. I pray that you know it as a place to be in time of crisis and joy where you know you are loved and cared about; where you know the love of God is shared and felt strongly.

I fear it is easy to take this for granted, particularly in times when there is not a crisis or a struggle. It is too easy to be here when it is convenient or when it is needed. However, the reality is that God has brought us together to be in community not just in times of struggle but in all times. There are blessings for each of us every Sunday and even beyond Sunday. Each week is an opportunity for us to be the body of Christ together, some of us coming needing a lift, some of us called to do the lifting knowing that later on that will be reversed. Just like a body, when part of us is missing, we are missing out. When you are not here, you are missed because we all belong together. I belong, you belong, we belong together.

This is your church home and you belong here, in good times and in difficult times; in times when you are filled with joy and times when you are overwhelmed with sorrow; in times of quiet contemplation and times of anxious fear; in times of melancholy and times of satisfaction. In all times you belong here for God has called us together for a purpose and without your presence, that purpose is not going to be fully realized. I pray you will join me in experiencing the blessings of this wonderful community as we gather each Sunday.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Curtis

Happenings At FBC:

September:

- September 2: Communion Sunday
Community prayer in the chapel at 10:30
Pastor Catherine's last Sunday with us
- September 3: Office and Child Development Center closed for holiday
- September 4: Beers and Bros at Fiddler's Elbow at 6 pm
- September 9: Celebration Sunday!!!
Picnic at Fairmont Park follows worship
- September 11: AB Women luncheon at noon in the library
- September 15: Game Night—come help us park cars!
- September 18: Beers and Bros at Fiddler's Elbow at 6 pm
- September 19: Pastor Curtis' Bible Study begins at 10:30
- September 21: Third Friday Bingo
- September 25: Council of Ministries meets at 5:45 pm
- September 30: Pastor Curtis' Inquiry Class at 12:30

Happy Birthday to: Sept 1: Doug Huntsman. 3: Gordon Remington. 7: Bill Fisher. 14: David Thompson. 19: Jerry Chaney. 20: Kevin Winn. 22: Steven Schimmelpfenning. 23: Jackie Nielsen. 24: Ashleigh Thompson. 25: Ray Carter, Virginia Grace Price, Andre David. 26: Robyn Roth. 27: Maria Kinghorn, Robyn Rausher Fellows. 29: Maggie Chaney, Matt Winzenried

October:

- October 2: Beers and Bros at Fiddler's Elbow at 6 pm
- October 7: Communion Sunday
Community Prayer in the chapel at 10:30
- October 8: Church closed for holiday
- October 11: A B Women luncheon at noon in the library
- October 12-13: Evergreen Annual Meeting in San Jose California
- October 12: Game night—come help us park cars
- October 16: Beers and Bros at Fiddler's Elbow at 6
- October 19: Third Friday Bingo at 7
- October 20: Game Night—come help us park cars
- October 23: Council of Ministries meets at 5:45 pm
- October 28: Autumn Fest

Happy Birthday to: Oct 2: Andrew Burnett. Oct 3: Lynn Christensen. Oct 5: Celine David. Oct 11: Weston Hall. Oct 12: Alan Fox. Oct 16: Pat Ditton. Oct 17: Lois Moser, Taylor Hekking. Oct 18: Morgan Hekking, Judge Brown, Elliot Setzer. Oct 22; Raffa Ellis. Oct 23: Mackenzie Wolters. Oct 27: Lisa Keysaw. Oct 29: Monty Rogers. Oct 30: Harriett Arreola.

Celebration Sunday:



Ephesians 2-19-22

That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all - irrespective of how we got here - in what he is building.

He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day - a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Join us for a Special Worship Service on September 9th at 11 am

We will welcome Pastor Curtis back from his sabbatical.

We will welcome the Choir back from their summer break.

Following worship will be our annual picnic:

Potluck Dinner information: We will be at the pavilion closest to the pool at Fairmont Park. Directions will be printed in the bulletin that Sunday. We will furnish the burgers & hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

This year's Rummage Sale made \$5400.00!

Special Thanks to Pat Ditton, Julia Watson and Kathy Felker who chaired this year's sale and put in many hours of planning and sorting and organizing before we ever got to the actual sale.

With the yearly rummage sale behind us, we feel it was very successful and want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way from all the wonderful donations, the people who helped set up, put down tarps, carried tables down, sorted through boxes, hung up clothes etc. , kept the tables looking nice ,and the big cleanup! I personally had people tell me this was the most organized sale in town and we were doing a great service to the community not only for the shoppers but to all the organizations we donate our items to: Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers, MS, Homeless youth, DI, Family Support Center in Midvale, and The Inn Between. Thanks for your help it is truly appreciated

Julia, Kathy and Pat

Shut In Ministry: We are continuing our ministry to deliver monthly goody bags to senior members of our church who are seldom able to attend. We could use more volunteers. It is such a blessing to send the love of our church to these folks who have given so much. If you have a heart for this ministry, please talk to Greg Allen.

Rev. Wim Mauldin, former pastor of Murray Baptist Church, will be our guest on September 16th. He will speak to us for a moment during worship about what the Evergreen Euro Caucus is doing about race relations in the Evergreen Region. He will be available following worship in the Library to have a discussion and further educate us about race relations. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Education on Sunday Mornings: Classes begin at 9:30 am

Ray Carter Bible Study in the Parlor

Shirley Rogers Young Adults class meets in her room in the upstairs hallway

Adult Class meets in the Library

Kids class meets in the Kid's Praise Club Room.

Kids Praise Club meets during worship every Sunday except Communion Sunday.

Pastor Curtis will start a new Bible Study on September 19th at 10:30 in the Library.

Watch the bulletin for an announcement about which book they will be studying this fall.

Pastor Curtis will hold an Inquirer's Class on September 30 following worship at 12:30 in the Library. If you would like to learn about who and what we are, this is a great opportunity.

Octoberfest—Oct 28:

We will celebrate Octoberfest on Sunday morning. The festival begins with worship at 11:00 am – “Where is God when I am Scared?” This will be a special service and all the children are encouraged to wear their costumes to worship. Following worship we will have lunch in Keck Hall and there will be Carnival games! Fun Food! Bouncy House! Pumpkins! Candy, Candy, Candy!

This is a great day to invite families with children to join us. Watch for more details in the bulletin.

Join Gordon Remington in Skaggs Chapel on the first Sunday of every month at 10:30 am to pray the prayer list in community prayer.

Volunteer Opportunities:

U of U Game nights: We are looking for volunteers to help sell the church parking lot during U of U football games. The games are Sept. 15, Oct. 12, Oct. 20, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24. Talk to Karen Carter. Proceeds go to the Special Projects Fund.

We are looking for volunteers to cook and serve dinner at the Homeless Youth Resource Center on Friday, Sept. 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Talk to Karen Carter.

Come Sing With Us:

A new year is starting at First Baptist and our choir gets going September 9 on CELEBRATION SUNDAY! We'd love to have more singers, so come and join us! We have a wonderful time together. Our rehearsals are Sunday afternoons after fellowship time. We are usually done by about 1:45-2:00 pm. Our first rehearsal will be Sept 9 at 10:15 in the choir room.

We need more sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses. We sing quite a variety of music and we all learn it together and help each other. Quite often we break into sections to work on the music and we listen to YouTube sometimes to hear how a new piece sounds. We love to be challenged, but we also love to sing anthems that we know.

Our main purpose as a choir is to enhance the worship experience for everyone and we take that responsibility very seriously. We would love to have more of you from the congregation join us!

From Beth, Aaron, and the Cathedral Choir

Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

When: Saturday, November 3

Where: First Baptist Church

Time: 9 am - 5 pm

Contact Esther McCarty (echelsea.mccarty@gmail.com) if you are interested in having a table/booth. If you know anyone or have a friend who would be interested in having a table/booth, please put them in touch.

And, on November 3, come and shop. We are only here for one day, so plan ahead to do some early holiday shopping.

World Mission Offering—Ingathering October 21st.

WHY GIVE TO THE WMO?

Answers to your most frequently asked questions about the World Mission Offering

HOW ARE MY GIFTS FOR THE WMO USED?

WMO gifts, like all gifts to the IM General Fund, are used 84% for mission program (global servant, partner and other ministry support), 10% for administrative support and 6% for development costs.

MILLION PERCENTAGE

A. Ministry of Global Servants and Partners 9.7 65%

B. Ministry Support and Education 2.9 19%

C. Administrative Support and Fees 1.5 10%

D. Development and Fundraising 0.9 6%

TOTAL ~15 m 100%

WHAT ABOUT MY GIFTS TO GLOBAL SERVANTS?

All global servant personalized support is targeted for global servants (item A in the chart above). Each year, IM global servants seek to raise approximately \$9.7 million of the \$12.6 million needed for their ministry programs.

WHY DO GLOBAL SERVANTS AND IM BOTH RAISE FUNDS?

As the body of Christ, we are in partnership with those in the field, those in the home office, those in the local churches and individual donors. When each area contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. IM does not ask global servants to raise all of the funding that they need, but comes alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry.

WHAT ELSE DO MY WMO GIFTS DO?

Whenever personalized funding falls short, the WMO gifts fill the gap so that global servants can stay in the field; continue in ministry; receive income and benefits; and cover ministry expenses such as education, visas and passports. WMO gifts also fill the gaps in funding for other IM expenses (items B,

C and D in the chart above) so that IM can continue to support global servants with services such as training, networking, promotion and pastoral care; address crises whenever they arise; and so much more.

WHAT IS MINISTRY SUPPORT AND EDUCATION?

This refers to the cost of providing financial accountability and maintaining up-to-date and transparent communications. It includes expenses associated with IM's website, training conferences, donor support, brochures, the *Guide to Global Servants*, WMO materials, emails, management of ministry project funds, and more.

WHAT IS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT?

This is the part of IM's budget that keeps all operations running, by providing staff to serve global servants, IRS compliance measures, and offices for the home staff. *Each year, IM raises approximately \$1.3 million in WMO funds, which, together with individual gifts, investment income, legacy gifts and ongoing development and fundraising, keeps the work of IM's global servants and partners and other ministries moving forward. We are grateful for your part and thankful for every gift that has allowed IM global servants to serve over 200 years in global mission.*

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