



The Beacon

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June marks my tenth month here as Pastor. I want you to know that it has been one blessing after the next. The passion and excitement that permeate the congregation right now really energize me and I look forward to each new day. Not many can say that about their job. For the whole church this has been a real time of transition as we have gotten used to each other and, like any transition, there is a time of excitement that ultimately wanes and the real business of change begins. As the “honeymoon” period comes to a close, I expect that old tensions will begin to resurface--tensions that had gone dormant during the eagerness of something new, but never really went away. Old turf wars come to the fore, nervousness about new directions start to get vocalized, axes start grinding. It is expected that as things begin to grow, change and transform that there would be some discomfort and apprehension because of the uncertainty and the foray into unfamiliar territory. Even when dynamics change for the better and we begin to see the results we prayed for, it can still feel like much of it is moving faster than we like, and that we are unprepared.

As we begin to feel the discomfort of change, even good change, I want to offer a couple of thoughts. First, the reality is that change will, at one time or another, be uncomfortable. This is really a sign of good energy happening. A little discomfort helps us stretch, grow, and become that which God has called us to. Second, with change comes excitement but also disappointment. As the church moves into the future, we all have certain expectations about what that will look like. The truth is that some of those expectations will not be met, and others may be met in ways other than how we wanted. Whatever our ideal for the church is in our minds, God will point us to God’s ideal and it will inevitably look a little different than what we expected.

Finally, and maybe this is the hard one: as the church changes, your role in the church may also change. This can often leave us feeling a little lost, or even a little left out. However, changing roles is an important part of a growing community. It allows room for others, it allows one to try new ways and it stretches people and challenges them to grow in their own faith.

God is doing wonderful things in our midst and we have been faithful in responding to God’s call. As we continue to respond, it may get a little uncomfortable. If you start to feel this, I invite you to talk about it. Talk to me, talk to others in the church: not to complain about the changes, but to acknowledge the difficulty we all have with change and to really be a community that is there for one another. I am so excited for the future. I pray you are too.

Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart!

Jeff Woods, our Assistant General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA, recently took a look at a study of major denominations called FACT2010. In looking over the data Jeff concluded the following:

Joy is a significant factor in worship among the growing, healthy, and readiness congregations in this survey. As churches begin to grow, the worship can no longer be all those things to the people who attend. The one thread maintained as it grows, is the thread of joy in worship.

Over many other variables, the consistent factor in churches that were ready to grow is the experience of Joy in worship. This tells us a couple of facts about our congregation. First, that if our joy is an indicator of our readiness, this congregation is ready because I feel that there is a tremendous amount of joy in the worship we experience together. However, it also tells us that joy in worship is the factor, when thinking about changes, which ought to trump other considerations. Just a little food for thought as we grow into the future.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Curtis

Young Adult Book Discussion: The young adults (we will leave it to you to decide if you are a young adult or not) are reading *Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived* by Rob Bell. The book is available on Amazon or at Barn and Noble. Pick up the book, read the first two chapters and then come join the discussion beginning on **Tuesday, June 21st at 7:00 pm** at Pastor Curtis' House 1888 S 1700 E. The book will take 4 weeks. Sign-up at the Intentional Faith Development Table located at the bottom of the steps outside the chapel entrance.

Feasting on the Word: Is a new small group that meets to share some food (gotta have food) experience scripture and deepen our connection with others as we discuss life and faith. We will begin with a planning session on **Thursday, June 23rd at 6:00 PM** at the Pastor's House. (1888 S 1700 E). Sign-up at the Intentional Faith Development Table located at the bottom of the steps outside the chapel entrance.

Summer Reading List: Summer is a great time to get into a book. Why not read a book that will encourage and enrich your faith and help you grow. Sign-up at the Intentional Faith Development Table located at the bottom of the steps outside the chapel entrance.

June Events at FBC

- June 12: Pentecost Sunday—Wear Red to Church Day!
- June 15: Council of Ministries at 5:45
- June 18: Up With Kids in Keck Hall
- June 20: Up with Kids Summer Camp through June 24
- June 26: Family Hike after worship.

Happy Birthday to: June 1: Vicki Firestack, June 4: Alicia Dabel, Colleen Baier, June 6: Jim Guilkey, June 7: Christel Fox, June 9: Joel Everts, June 10: Courtney Huntsman, Larry Wanner, June 15: Les Ridley, June 21: Dustin Wolters, June 22: Jeannette Flamming, Shirley Rogers, June 24: Carrol Dennis, Nicky Newman, June 25: Susan Everts, June 26: Michi Byrd, Greg Roth.

Summer Finances and YOU:

Please do all in your power to keep your pledges and offerings up to date during the summer. Go on vacation, go to camp go have some fun—but remember that the obligations of the church continue during the summer months, even if you are not with us. So as you put the mail on hold and cancel the paper and find someone to feed the dog, please put your offering check in the mail.

Ruth's Circle would like to thank the Church Ladies and all those who helped with their “support project.” Over 100 units of “support” were donated to the YWCA.

From the ABW:

Once again the annual Mother Daughter Banquet was a big success!
Our many thanks to all who helped to make The Mother Daughter Banquet such a terrific time:
To Ken Burnett and his crew who made a wonderful menu for us and served us.
To Ann Burnett and Robyn Roth for doing the tickets and program, and for the table decorations..
As usual, Ken and Ann went overboard in all they did!.
Thanks to Shirley Cannon, Joyce Urry, Pat Huntsman.
To Sandra Clegg for being the Mistress of Ceremonies.
Karen Carter for Love Gift.
Our thanks to all who helped and the ladies who attended and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

All Church Hike!

WHEN after church Sunday, June 26, 2011. What does after church mean? Grab a QUICK bite from hospitality then gather around the Chaney clan. Hopefully, we will be organized for transportation by 11:30 and on the road shortly after.

Where are we going & how difficult will it be: right now we don't know! Due to the excessive snowpack this year, we are not sure where we will be going. More than likely, it will be somewhere in **Millcreek Canyon**. Most of the trails go UP which means there is some level of difficulty.

How long will it take? Hopefully everyone will be done hiking by 4:30-5:00 but you don't have to hike that long (or as far as everyone).

Maggie's vision: possibly Grandeur Peak* which is 5½-6 miles round trip with an elevation change of ~2600 feet. Those who are in good shape and are able to hike at a faster-than-Maggie pace will be lead by Matt and/or Evan and who will complete the whole hike. For those who are not so fast at hiking, Jerry and/or Maggie will be going a little slower and there is a good chance of doing the whole hike, but it will probably take the entire afternoon. For those with small children – come and hike part of the trail – turn around when you feel you need to. In fact, everyone should feel they can turn around and go back at any time.

This isn't a race, but we are aware some people like to hike fast. This is a time for the church family to be active together in the beautiful Wasatch Mtns. We want people of all hiking abilities to feel welcome to come.

*Grandeur Peak is lower in Millcreek with an elevation of ~ 8300'. There will probably be less snow pack for this trail than others further up the canyon and with higher elevations. Grandeur can also be HOT! You MUST carry water (minimum one quart/person is recommended). Due to the length of the hike, you also need to carry a lunch and/or snack.

Please let Maggie or Jerry Chaney know if you are planning on hiking. Millcreek is a fee area so we would like to limit the number of vehicles driving in the canyon.

Thank You

As the Choir season comes to a close, we would like to thank **Beth Bruce, director, Aaron Flood, Christopher Nelson, Maggie Chaney and Dennis McCracken, accompanists and Rebecca Hample, Lilian Brown, Heather Brown, Vicki Firestack, Peg Keiffer, Maggie Chaney, Carol Butler Guilkey, Stephanie Goddis, Abby Reyes, Kelly Hunter, Robbin Price, Valerie Winn, Catherine Coda, Nelson LeDuc, Tommy Burnett, Lynn Christensen, Ray Carter, Matt Chaney, Gene Miner, Geoffrey Hunter** (*whew! I think that is all of them. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me!*) for the wonderful service and beautiful music. We wish them an enjoyable summer off and can't wait for their return in September

Church Ladies News: Start reading! Next Church Lady Book Club is on June 27th

NEXT UP: The Pearl Diver, by Jeff Talarigo: (Kindle edition available!)

Date: June 27, Time: 7:00 PM, Host: Deb Day Olivier, Discussion Leader: Nia

In 1948 a nineteen-year-old pearl diver's dreams of spending her life combing the waters of Japan's Inland Sea are shattered when she discovers she has leprosy. By law, she is exiled to an island leprosarium, where she is stripped of her dignity and instructed to forget her past. Her name is erased from her family records, and she is forced to select a new one. To the two thousand patients on the island of Nagashima, she becomes Miss Fuji. Although drugs arrest the course of Miss Fuji's disease, she cannot leave the colony. Instead, she becomes a caretaker to the other patients, and through the example of their courage, she gains insight into the deep wellspring of strength she will need to reclaim her freedom. Written with precision and eloquence, *The Pearl Diver* is a dazzling meditation on isolation and community, cruelty and compassion.

ON DOCK: The Help, by Kathryn Stockett (The movie comes out this fall! From all appearances, a Kindle edition is available)

Discussion Leader: Kathy

Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever changes a town, and the way women — mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends — view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't.

Member Care News:

What fun! Cowgirl hats, boots and western shirts, barbeque beef with luscious summer salads and, of course, bread pudding and ice cream proved to be a hit at the annual First Baptist Mother Daughter western banquet on May 6th. Led by Chief Cook Ken Burnett, the Baptist cowhands cooked and served all the cowgirls. The ABW ladies and girls helped with making and selling cowgirl tickets, setting picnic tables and putting up fabulous decorations. Entertainment proved to be a hoot! Our own Todd Taylor serenaded us, while the Cowboy/bankers Cody, Bob and Dan from Utah County treated us first, to a hilarious recitation of cowboy poetry, and then to skillful rodeo roping demonstrations...our own First Baptist cowgirls pitched in and learned to rope the two "steers" on Keck Hall stage. We express many thanks to everyone for helping to make this annual event a great success.

The Cookie Brigade did it again! AB Girls and Young Adults Sunday School class, along with toddlers and babies, baked cookies and delivered them to all our shut ins and those needing extra tender loving care. Thanks to all of you for this great mission, and also to Maggie Chaney who provides lovely hand made cards.

Appreciation needs to be expressed to Maggie and Jerry Chaney for purchasing all the supplies such as plates, cups, napkins, tableware as well as coffee and other needs. Good stewardship suggests that we carefully use these supplies and if we run out of anything, let them know.

Rides for Seniors: if anyone can help transport some of our seniors to church, please let Pat Huntsman know. She has tacked up a signup sheet for those folks who need rides on the bulletin board in the main hall by the office.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CAMP 2011



Junior High Camp

... until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ - Ephesians 4:13

Come join us and explore faith at beautiful Camp Utaba. Meet new friends or reconnect with old ones as we play games, hike, swim in the river, sing at campfire and enjoy God's creation. Most importantly we will explore together what it means to follow Christ as you continue to grow. Don't miss this opportunity to really make summer count.

◆ JR. HIGH CAMP ◆

(Completed grades 6th-9th)

SUNDAY through FRIDAY
JULY 10TH - 15TH

DIRECTOR:

Pastor Curtis Price (801) 582-4921 ♦ pastorcurtis@firstbaptist-slc.org

◆ CAMP REGISTRATION FORM ◆

Camper's Name _____
Age _____ Birth date _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Parent name(s) _____
Parent Home Phone _____
Parent Work (or Cell) Phone _____
Church attending (if any) _____

◆ COST ◆

JR. HIGH CAMP: \$185.00 This registration form, along with a deposit of \$40.00 is due on June 18th, 2011 for us to insure your space. Full payment is due at check-in time. If your registration can't be sent by June 18th, then please RSVP to the directors by e-mail so that we can get an accurate count of campers. Please make checks payable to AB Summer Camp and mail to:

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We can’t wait!

♦ **Camp Survivor** ♦ (Completed grades 3rd-5th) **Sunday through Friday**

July 10th - 15th Directors: Wendy Winzenried (801) 944-8734 ♦ wendywinzenried@aol.com and Lisa Rausher-Hekking (801) 943-3347 ♦ lhekking@comcast.net

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Camper’s Name _____

Age _____

Birth date _____

Street Address _____

City _____

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Zip _____

Parent name(s) _____

Parent _____

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Wendy Winzenried Attn: Camp Utaba 10125 Majestic Canyon Road Sandy, UT 84092

_ Camp Registration Form _