

# The Epistle



2015

Dear Members and Friends,

*“Investing in a Better Future”*

*Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate contest of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we are saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore, we must be saved by the final form of love, which is forgiveness.” - Reinhold Niebuhr*

*“The Irony of American History”*

Our American Baptist Church seeks to live, preach and teach the Christian Gospel. For that reason we follow the lectionary that is used by millions of Christians each Sunday. That is why the Church Year is included in this Epistle. We read more Scripture each Sunday than a “Bible Church”.

Our discipleship, community and justice ministries are shaped and informed by the earliest efforts to preach the Gospel, establish

churches and minister to those in need. Though we have changed, we have remained faithful to the mission of those who have come before us . . . faithful to the call of the God we serve.

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You have been faithful, too! Attending, serving and giving to the First Baptist Church of Bountiful. You have been faithful in your prayers. We gather each Sunday to celebrate all those before us and ourselves, in the Christian and Baptist tradition.

In this Epistle, you will see all those places where we minister and serve in this place. Peace, Joy and Love to All.

Sincerely,

**Don**

Former Pastor

We celebrated Bev Ikeda's visit with us. It was wonderful. She also brought Pastor Kent!

The Christian Liturgical Calendar

The Colors -

Blue - represents royalty

Gold - Symbolizes preciousness and joy

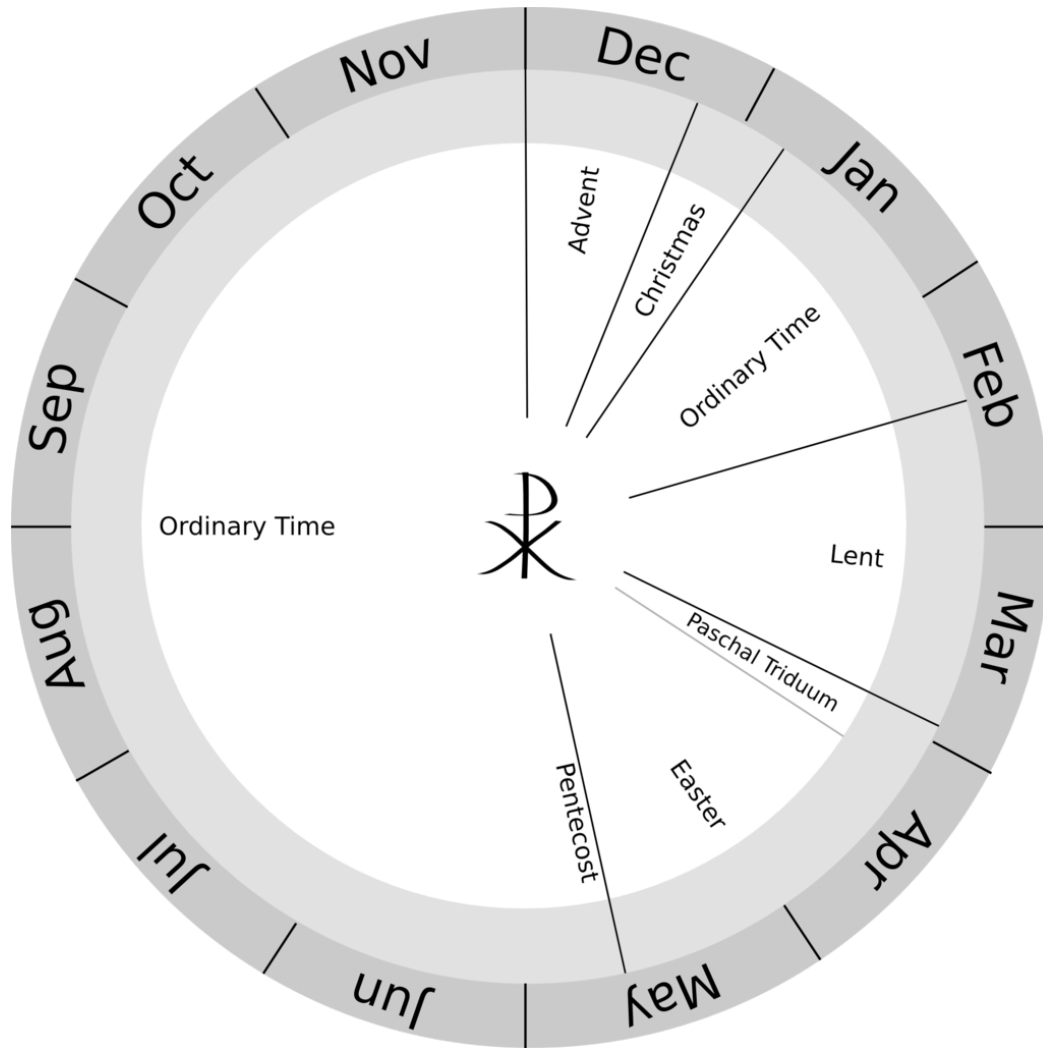
Green - symbolizes renewal and spiritual growth.

Purple - marks penitential seasons

Violet - symbolizes pain and suffering

Red - reflects the tongues of fire/the Holy Spirit

White - symbolizes purity, holiness and virtue.



### The Seasons of the Church Year

Advent - purple or blue - a penitential season, begins the church year and extends through the four weeks leading up to ...

Christmas - white or gold - begins at sundown on December 24 and lasts for 12 days until ...

Epiphany (Jan. 6) marks the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. The following Sunday celebrates the baptism of Jesus -white- and signals the start of ...

Ordinary Time – green – a time focused on Jesus’ early ministry that lasts until Transfiguration Sunday – white – just before ...

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Lent – purple – a penitential season that begins on Ash Wednesday, consists of 40 days (not counting Sundays) and is reminiscent of Jesus’ sojourn in the wilderness. Generally Lent runs through Holy Week which begins on Passion/Palm Sunday and recalls the last events of Jesus’ life. Colors are often removed and the cross draped in black for Good Friday and Holy Saturday while we wait ...

Easter season’s – white or gold – unbridled joy and celebration which concludes with ...

Pentecost’s – red – celebration of the birth of the Christian church and the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is followed by Trinity Sunday – white – which moves us to ...

Ordinary time – green – the last season of a church year that ends with Christ the King Sunday – white.

### *Fiftieth Anniversary*

After the fireworks celebrating the founding of our Nation, the next day (Sunday, July 5th) was the celebration of Don’s ordination fifty years ago.

Thanks to all who took part in the fine luncheon? Marge had fallen and broken her ankle ... so the help of many friends and family was necessary! Thanks to all.

The day was wonderful ... except I wrecked my car in a “senior moment” on the way home. I got out of the car in front of my house ... forgot the brake, then the car rolled down the street hitting the truck of a neighbor ... the only real hurt was son Bob trying to rescue my car (minor abrasions that were/are major to him!.)

### *Church Picnic*

July 25th following worship ... we will break bread together. Hamburgers, hot dogs and buns provided. Please bring salads, fixings for a picnic and desserts to pass.

Missions

Donna Fry and Maida Simms keep the offerings before us in a dedicated and helpful manner. Thanks for your Christian service.

Pictures

Bill Smelser has a new camera! We are all very happy about that ... he has taken pictures of most of us. Mine even looked like me! It's delightful to see the response of people when they see their picture! Thanks, Bill, for your good work. I think it's a kind of ministry.

Board/Business Meeting/July 12, 2015

Cherry Shosted opened our meeting with prayer.

The Trustees Report - Our sprinkler system is mostly 50 years old. That means that it needs repairs which were done. Thanks to Kip Maxwell for doing his part to repair it and to Bob Proctor who keeps it running appropriately. The lawn has been sprayed by Fertilawn and is mowed weekly by Bill Shosted. A big thanks to Bill for a big job of service. Monthly reports were given and approved. A new bookcase installed in Atteberry Hall.

Diaconate Report - All the needs were served by visits, cards and letters. Cora Rasmussen's death remembered. Marge Proctor and Lawrence Wanner visited and remembered. A yard sale was hastily arranged and \$327 was raised that went to the ABW ministries and commitments. Eloise Bratke's death reported and card sent to the Bratke's. Cora Lee wonderfully sends Birthday cards to everyone! Thanks, Cora Lee! Thanks to Dorothy and the Choir for the past year of wonderful music.

## Camp Utaba

Cherry and Phyllis reported on their needs and service as they represent our Church on the Camp board.

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## Annual Report

Was previously submitted and approved.

## Church Needs

Bark is needed in all flower beds and Atteberry Garden. The website is being updated by Bob Proctor. The roof needs repairs before winter. The parking lot is a poor introduction and gifts to the Repair and Maintenance fund are appreciated. (The last bid mentioned was \$44,000 informally.) We need large gifts to this fund so we can do this asphalt job. We have raised over \$10,000. Our Little Library of books and magazines continues to be appreciated. (Thanks to Jane.) Bring one ... leave one!

## Travels, Celebrations and Surprises

Vicky and Charles are in Italy, the Mediterranean & Malta ... this following their trip to Portugal, Algeria, West Africa and Spain.

Lynn and Keely Adams visited their son in Japan. He works for Toyota and is soon to be married here in October. They had a wonderful time complete with beautiful pictures. They were mostly south of Toyota where the company is located.

Jane and Ken Neuschwander visited a friend in Missoula, Montana. They are presently re-roofing their cabin, after other repairs.

Kathy Neuschwander took off with a tour group to England, France, Switzerland and Germany. Wish we all could go! Thanks, Kathy and Sabrina for your help to Marge for the Celebrations of Don's Ordination.

Phyllis had a wonderful time in California with her family. They visited Sea World, Disneyland, Legoland and others. Noah wanted everything! Her Son Paul and Renee are coming in September.

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Cheiko Buckley recently connected with an old friend. They had not seen one another for 45 years!

Lemmons' visited family and friends in Pocatello, Idaho.

Lawrence (Brother Lawrence) celebrated/observed with great pride the Wanner Reunion.

Dorothy Arnold attended the wedding of son Andrew and Alyssa June 29, 2015 in Waltham. They are both graduates of Gordon College and will be teaching this fall. Congratulations!

John Larsen's sister, Birthe, sends us her love and prayers from Odense, Denmark. She hopes to make one more trip to the USA to see her brother.

Kip and Charlotte are touring Japan with their son.

Debbie Martin took Rob to Cancun Mexico ... days of sun and fun.

Nikel, "Kelly" Newman qualified to go to the National Competition in power tumbling in Fort Worth, Texas. She placed 23rd in the nation, congratulations to Kelly. Grandma and Grandpa are proud. On the way home the family was stranded in Carlsbad,

New Mexico, (emergency brake on the motorhome), as they are now touring in the area while stranded.

### Prayer List

We continue to remember those in need of our prayers ... Marge Proctor is going well with her walking boot. Lawrence is back to "regular" shoes. Bonnie Atteberry is improving following her new knee. Shirley Walton needs our prayers. Jane visited with Joyce Hill.

### Information Update

If you have any changes in your information; ie: name change, address change, telephone number change or email change; please leave that information on the computer desk in the office. Thanks bunches!!!