



# The Chimes

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

## September 2016

### Dear First Presbyterian Members & Friends,

An article in the Harvard Business Review gave this advice: “Marketing leaders must ask, ‘What values and goals guide our brand strategy, what capabilities drive marketing excellence, and what structures and ways of working will support them?’ Structure must follow strategy—not the other way around.

Should First Pres have a “marketing plan?” Well, of course. Although the church isn’t a “business” in the normal sense of the word, the church does have a public location (and a very good one at that), a product (and quite a valuable one at that), regular customers (and a great group of people at that), and potential clients (a huge number in and around Salt Lake City).

A strategic marketing plan (to borrow from business language) will help us 1) fulfill God’s design, calling, and purpose for the church; 2) grow in the areas where God has uniquely gifted First Pres; 3) improve how we communicate with and reach people for Christ and his kingdom; And, 4) make good use of our resources (time, energy, money, people, facilities) all working together to be the church the Lord has designed us to be and become.



On **Monday evening, September 12, from 7:00-8:30 pm**, I have invited a few members of First Pres to begin planning and implementing a marketing plan for the immediate future of First Pres. If you would like to be part of that conversation and involved in helping to put a plan into motion, feel free to come to this initial meeting on Monday, the 12th in Room 3. Please let me know if you will attend.

with confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ,

Rev. Dr. Michael Imperiale  
email [pastormike@fpcslc.org](mailto:pastormike@fpcslc.org) or call (801) 363-3889

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# Weekly Meetings

## NEW Girl Scouts K-3rd

- Monday (6:30 p.m.), bi-weekly

## Cub Scouts

- Tuesday (6:30 p.m.)

## Boy Scouts

- Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

## Choir Rehearsal

- Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

## AA Meeting

- Sunday (7:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday (12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)
- Friday (12:00 p.m.)
- Saturday (5:00 p.m.)

## Overeaters Anonymous

- Sunday (5:00 p.m.)

## Workaholics Anonymous

- Tuesday (7:15 p.m.)

## Debtors Anonymous

- Thursday (12:00 p.m.)

## Under Earners Anonymous

- Thursday (6:30 p.m.)

# From the Pastoral Associate

Continuing with *Knowing Christ* by Dr. Alister McGrath Chapter 5

I have been summarizing ways in which we get to know God, not just know *about* God. So far we have looked at how we know God in our minds versus our hearts. We have also looked at how knowing God involves our imaginations and our memories. This chapter focuses on how we come to know God in our loneliness.

In this chapter McGrath recalls that before the Israelites got to the Promised land, they went through the wilderness, and during that time they grew spiritually and were shaped into the people of God. The Christian walk is much like this. "The Christian life...is not a tedious and unimportant interlude between coming to know Christ and going to be with Christ. It is a time of spiritual development, in which we learn what it means to know Christ and how this affects every aspect of our lives."

For those of us on this journey, you and I know that sometimes the Christian walk can feel lonely. And

McGrath reminds us of three things when we encounter loneliness. 1) You are not alone. Look around and see the marks of those that have come before you and those that are walking the same journey. Hebrews 12 refers to a "cloud of witnesses." 2) Solitude can be a positive thing. It removes distractions and can be a time of refreshment. Rev. 3 reminds us that silence can help us hear a gentle knocking at the door. 3) The Christ that died for you has not abandoned you. In John 14 Jesus told us that he is the way and the truth and the life. That is a life-long commitment.

A sense of loneliness may just be an opportunity in our spiritual journey to hear and learn differently. No matter what part of the journey we are in, God's promises for us are true. We are not alone and the Promised land lies ahead, even when we cannot see it.

**Blessings, Pastor Chris**



# Treasurer's Report



Please remember FPC in your will, trust, or IRA

Income & Expenses		
	Budgeted	Actual
Total Income & Expenses <i>As of July 31, 2016</i>		
Pledge Income	\$ 200,416	\$ 177,722
Total Income	311,272	288,319
Total Expenses	370,272	353,402
Monthly Income & Expense		
Pledge Income	\$ 28,631	\$ 32,650
Total Income	44,467	40,570
Total Expenses	52,896	50,927

Per Capita payments of \$36.57 for each active member of First Presbyterian Church are still being accepted.

## IS YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT?

In the last couple of months, income has taken a rapid drop. Even though we are enjoying summer and vacations, the church programs, activities and expenses continue. Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:6-7.

**AmazonSmile** lets customers enjoy the same selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. When customers shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charities selected by the customers. First Presbyterian Church of Salt Lake City is now one of the charities you may support on AmazonSmile.

**Smith's Rewards**—First Presbyterian Church is now enrolled in Smith's Community Rewards Program. Visit [www.smithscommunityrewards.com](http://www.smithscommunityrewards.com) with your Smith's card and select First Pres by entering our Non-Profit Organization Number: **59267**. Purchases made using the linked rewards cards will support your registered nonprofit!

**Nancy Savage, Treasurer.**

## Pamela's Closet

Two very low-income families received help from several of you during August. They needed children's underwear and socks as well as light clothing for their babies. The little girls were so delighted to see some very pretty dresses that fitted them perfectly and the boys liked the shirts, shorts and jeans. I received a number of hugs from the children and their parents – they were all so grateful. Diapers and baby wipes were received with huge

smiles! So, to those of you who donated these past few months, please consider yourselves hugged several times over – your caring was very much appreciated indeed!

### NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER!

- Men's socks
- Women's underwear – all sizes
- Small deodorants
- Light Jackets

Please prayerfully consider if you are able to donate any of the above items this month – even the smallest donation makes such a difference in people's lives whether the recipient is low-income or homeless. Although you do not see these differences from your giving, Christ knows what is in your heart when you make the decision to give and He is of course, delighted with you!

**With Gratitude,  
Pamela**



## Group Studies

### Women's Bible Study for Mothers

This is a Bible study for mothers. Child care can be made available. We meet twice per month. Contact **Pastor Chris** (801) 363-3889 x 225.

**Tuesday Morning Women's Group 6:30 am, June 14th & 28th** at the Coffee Garden (878 E 900 S, SLC). Contact **Kristin Mullen**, kristinharvey82@gmail.com.

**Tuesday Men's Breakfast— 7 a.m.—8:15 a.m.** Men's Breakfast Tuesday mornings at Gourmandise Bakery on 250 South 300 East. Contact **Pastor Mike** (801) 363-3889 x 224.

**Thursday Women's Bible Study—1 p.m.** We meet every Thursday here at First Pres. Contact **JoAnn Armstrong** at 801-521-9271.

**Thursday Evening Men's Group—6:30 p.m.** We meet on Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. in the FPC Library. Contact **Chuck Britter** (801) 295-6640.

## Boy Scout Troop 34

Troop 34 had a terrific summer. Following the Eagle Ceremony and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Scouting, we traveled to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico for a once in a lifetime adventure. We stayed in the town of Chelem in a house on the beach. Scouts were able to play in the sand, collect seashells and swim in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Our group spent a day visiting various cenotes, or underground sinkholes, in the jungle. Ladders enabled the Scouts to travel inside them. Some of the cenotes contained small fish that would nibble on our toes and we could see bats flying around. Two other days were spent fishing. The first day was spent in the Gulf of Mexico hand lining. We caught various local varieties of fish. The second day fishing was in a saltwater mangrove lagoon. Our fishing guide showed us where two sea turtles were intentionally stranded for locals to show

tourists for money. Under our guide's supervision we were able to capture and release one of them into the sea. Scouts were able to earn their Fishing Merit Badge during this trip.

On another day we hired a Mayan guide who took us to a traditional Mayan home where we were taught how to make tortillas and how rope was once manufactured. We visited several Mayan ruins including Uxmal, Kabah, Labna and Dzibilchaltun. Our guide's knowledge and history of the area enabled the Scouts to earn their Archaeology Merit Badge.

Our last day was spent in the City of Merida in a historic Spanish colonial home. We were able to see dancing, singing, Mayan performances and lots of vendors displaying their wares. We all made it back safe and sound with some great memories.

**Upcoming events:** Start of a new year of Scouting and the Avenues Street Fair.

## C Street Childcare—NAEYC Accredited

C Street is pleased to announce that we have been reaccredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC looks at the overall quality of a center to determine whether they qualify for accreditation. They do this by looking at criteria in 10 different areas.

These areas consist of relationships between children, parents, staff and administration; curriculum in all areas of a child's development; the methods in which the teachers teach the children; the assessment of each child's progress; the health practices used; the ability and knowledge of the teaching staff as well as their professionalism; the inclusion of families into the program; the involvement of the community into the program which in-

cludes field trips and using the resources within the community to help the children and the families; looking at the physical environment that is provided for the children both inside and outside; and leadership and management which includes all of the policies and procedures used by the program.

NAEYC takes a well-rounded look at a program when determining accreditation. Programs must score an 80% or higher in each area. Classroom observations must pass with at least 70%. Overall a program must score 80% in each area in order to achieve accreditation. C Street received scores of 90% in curriculum, 96% in teaching, and 100% or 100+% in each of the remaining 8 areas.



## New Choir Director Begins



Dr. Eric Schmidt is from Havixbeck, Germany west of Münster, close to the Netherlands border. He was raised in the German Reformed Baptist Church in northwest Germany (quite similar to Presbyterian worship). Eric earned a Masters Degree in Music and Mathematics from the University of Osnabrück. He recently completed his Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) in choral conducting from the U of U. He is also an accomplished pianist.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:00-8:30 pm**

## Children's Ministry

**Faith Explorers: 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sundays**

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was AWESOME this year! We learned all about God through the story of Jonah: how God loves all people, how He gives second chances, how we cannot hide from Him, and how God uses people like Jonah and people like us in His Great Plan. The week was filled with crafts, games, snacks, and stories. We especially had fun the last day dunking our leaders and pastors in a dunk tank; they went down into the water just like Jonah did!



Our ending program was a success as well. Our kids worked all week on songs, hand motions, solos, spoken lines, and dances. We came together the last day of VBS to retell the story of Jonah. Thanks so everyone who came and supported the VBS performers in their final program. Also, a special "Thank You" to the

many leaders and volunteers who made VBS possible. Donations, decorations, teachers, planners, prayers--all contributed to the success of VBS this year. We look forward to seeing the impact of God's kingdom in these little ones in years to come.



### Promotion Sunday

All students should have moved up to their new Sunday School room, according to the grade in which they are currently enrolled. Meeting rooms are listed below:

Preschoolers: Preschool Room on the 2nd Floor

Kindergarten-2nd grade: Room 1 on the Main Floor

3rd-5th grade: Room 2 on the Main Floor

6th grade and up: Youth Room in the Basement

### Ministry Fair

Sept 11 10:00am-1:00pm

Come stop by the Children's Ministry Table at the Ministry Fair this year! You can register your

kids for Faith Explorers, and update any information that may have changed over the past year. You can also volunteer to help with Children's Ministry events or Faith Explorers on Sunday mornings. We are currently in need of one more Lower Elementary Teacher (Kindergarten-2nd grade) to join our 4 week rotation of teachers, and a few additional workers for our Nursery.

### September Curriculum

In Faith Explorers, we have been discussing the many miracles of Jesus during his life on Earth. Jesus healed people, cleansed them of their sins, and drove out evil spirits. Every miracle Jesus performed teaches us about who Jesus really is: He God; the Messiah come to make the world right and undo all the sadness.

Jesus also spent much of his time preaching. In September we will look at some of his sermons. Jesus often talked in parables, or stories. These parables allow his listeners to understand a complex idea Jesus was trying to communicate with them. Join us in September to hear some of these parables.

**Christin Abbott,  
Children's Ministry Director.**

## September Special Events

- 2 Salt Lake Bees & Fireworks, 6 pm
- 4 African Children's Choir, 7pm at Cottonwood Pres.
- 10 Avenues Street Fair
- 11 9/11 Memorial Concert, 4:30 pm
- 16-18 Men's Retreat at UTABA
- 18 Fall Ministry Festival

## September Service Opportunities

- 1 Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
- 7 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (3:30 pm)
- 8 Dinner @ Vinny's Sandwich Making (9:30 am)
- Serving Dinner @ Vinny's (4:30 pm)
- 12 Church Marketing Meeting, 7:00 pm

## Community Outreach

**September 1st:** Dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Those cooking arrive at 4:30PM and serving arrive at 6PM. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to help at 801-363-3889 ext. 225

**September 7th at 3:30PM** Meat and Cheese Sandwich Making and **September 8th at 9:30AM** PB&J Sandwich Making...come help make sandwiches for St. Vincent De Paul. We meet in the downstairs kitchen.

**September 8th at 4:30PM:** Serve Dinner @ Vinny's. Contact Pamela Atkinson to volunteer.

**Ongoing and Urgent:** Please visit Crossroads' web site at [www.crossroadsurbancenter.org](http://www.crossroadsurbancenter.org) for an extensive food pantry need list, as well as new online donation options to help stock the emergency pantry with items of most pressing need for the pantry and thrift store.

Do you have an idea about a place in the community where we could/should be involved? Please contact Christine Gibbs (801-808-6140) or Melissa Piercey so we can get connected!

**Christine Gibbs, Community Outreach**



## Youth Ministry



Fall is just around the corner and the students have all started to head back to school. However, this has not stopped them from volunteering and getting together for events!

Around the middle of July, the Sr. High students (along with 4 adults), went to Cortez, CO for a mission trip. There were a total of 17 of us that travelled down there to work for a week on construction projects, lawn care, painting, and other various projects. There were students from areas as far as Michigan present at the site. It was great for the

students to worship with Christians from other areas and take a leadership role for the younger students present there!

At the end of the month, we all went to Pastor Chris and Mark's house in Bountiful for a BBQ and Bible Study. Mark grilled up some tasty ribs before we started in on the first lesson of Francis Chan's Crazy Love Bible Study. We played some Frisbee Horseshoes after the study. It was a blast.

If you would like to volunteer for any youth events, service projects, or open your house to a Bible Study please don't hesitate to email or give me a call. Our calendar of projects/events can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

**Many Blessings,  
Nathan Parrish  
Youth Director**

*The Chimes*





# MEN'S RETREAT

**"Self Portrait" – what do you see in the mirror?**

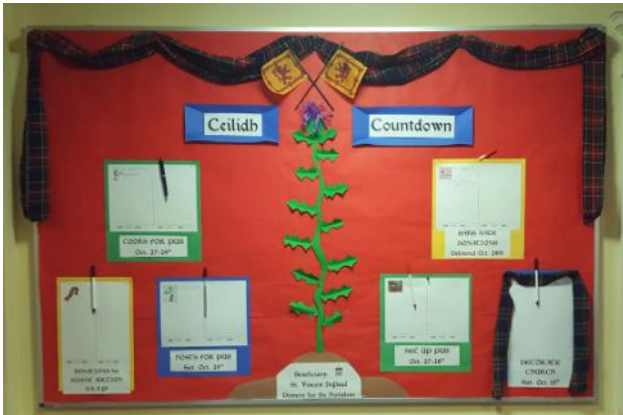
Friday night September 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday morning September 18<sup>th</sup> at Camp UTABA in Eden, Utah.

For two kinds of men: 1) seekers who may not know where they are with God but are open to finding out; and 2) strugglers who have come to a trusting relationship with Jesus, but want to grow in their faith.

For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Mike (pastormike@fpcslc.org)

## 2016 Scottish Festival

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 29 & Sunday October 30!** This year's Ceilidh beneficiary will be Dinner @ Vinny's. This program serves dinner to the homeless and low income families in our community. The Ulster Project will receive a special offering in worship on Sunday.



There is a bulletin board in the fellowship area for people to sign up to help plan and participate in the various activities for the Ceilidh (the Scottish Party on Saturday, October 29th). Sign up and become part of this annual festival. Great fun, old and new friends, rewarding work.

## Upcoming Concerts

### African Children's Choir

Sunday, September 4th at 7:00 pm at Cottonwood Presbyterian Church (1580 E Vine St)



### 9/11 Memorial Concert

**Sunday, September 11th at 4:00 pm**

Here at First Pres. The Jubilate Choir will present the Mozart "Requiem" along with the Olympic theme.



## Fall Festival

for mission and ministry

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 11:00 am & Noon – 1:00 pm**

Each year, the ministry leaders of the church present the Fall Festival to highlight for members, friends and guests the various programs, groups, projects, events, and service opportunities for the year ahead.

- Children's Ministry
- C Street Child Development
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- Jr & Sr. High Groups
- Sunday Adult Classes
- Music, Praise Band, Choir
- All Church Activities
- Scottish Festival
- Community Service
- Building & Grounds
- Deacon Ministries
- Session Elders

Come to worship on September 18<sup>th</sup> and stick around to enjoy seeing and talking about the various missions and ministries of the church. INVITE a friend to come along with you.

## Birthdays

Tamara Gilbert	09/01
Janelle Lee	09/01
Jim Hammar	09/03
Linda Simpson	09/04
Ashleigh Bull	09/08
Bill Lyle	09/08
Ally Moore	09/08
Kevin Stalnaker	09/08
Carol Jean Elliott	09/04
Karla Miller-Imperiale	09/15
Saima Samuel	09/15
Azra Samuel	09/16
Cheryl Larson	09/17
Elta Lee Johnson	09/19
Adam Miya	09/21
Marvin White	09/21
Walter Elston	09/28
Bev Simpson	09/28
Lisa Buffmire	09/30
Kambiz Pezeshki	09/30
Laura Sagers	09/30

## Youth Birthdays

Sienna Shafer	09/02
William Mitchell	09/06
Noah Decaria	09/07
Taylynn White	09/07
Alex Mascarenas	09/09
Greta Schwalbe	09/20
Eliana Smith	09/21
Lucy McCloud	09/25

**The Praise Band** is looking for a bass player from 8:30 am to 10:00 am on Sundays. If interested, please contact Pastor Mike.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP in September 2016

9 am: Praise Band & Songs

11 am: Organ, Hymns, & Choir

### September 4 "I Am the Bread of Life"

John 6:25-51

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### September 11 "Overwhelmed with Dread"

Psalms 14

### September 18 "I Am the Light"

John 8:12-30

Fall Festival for missions and ministry

### September 25 "In the Shelter of the Lord"

Psalms 91

### October 2 "I Am the Good Shepherd"

John 10:1-21

World-Wide Communion Sunday  
Peace Making Offering



## The Avenues Street Fair

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

9 am – 6 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between I & N Streets.

Come and find the First Pres Booth !!!

Or, sign up to volunteer in the Fellowship Area.

Thanks to everyone who contributed their articles to Septembers' Chimes.

Please note the deadline for October's Chimes articles is Tuesday, September 20.

## Stay In Touch With First Pres.

Did you know First Pres. has weekly email announcements as well as a monthly newsletter? To sign up for our announcements and our monthly digital version of *The Chimes*, visit [www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/](http://www.fpcslc.org/subscribe/).

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