Suttons on Mission

CHURCH PLANTING IN UTAH

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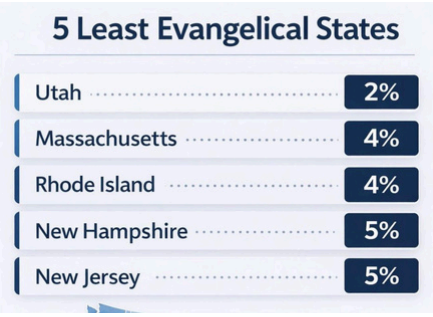
PRACTICAL SHEPHERDING CONFERENCE - UTAH

Andrew and his planting partner, Travis, had the opportunity to attend the "Practical Shepherding Conference" last month. The goal of this conference was to empower and equip pastors to lead their congregations well. Too many pastors are experiencing burnout or walking away from ministry altogether. In our context, with so few churches, this is not something we can afford. Andrew and Travis were greatly encouraged and inspired to apply the concepts learned to their congregation in the near future.





PREACHING OPPORTUNITY

Redemption Bear River, in Tremonton, is growing at a steady rate. In January, the church began meeting on Sunday nights with about 15-20 people attending. After a couple months, 25-30 was the average. Now, RBC regularly has 50+ gathering each Sunday night! A couple Sundays ago, Andrew was asked to preach at their evening meeting. His message was based on John 1:35-51, highlighting the fact that, much like the disciples, when we are introduced to Jesus our whole reality changes. As followers of Christ, our lives should reflect that change in everything we say and do. Not only is this message pertinent to Christians in Utah, but also to believers around the world. Do our lives really reflect the Christ-like change that comes through a personal relationship with Jesus? While we're thankful for the growth seen in Tremonton, we are equally thankful for Jesus' saving, life-changing grace!



June Ministry Calendar

- Redemption Bear River Church Service - Every Sunday night @ 5:30pm
- Syracuse Community Group - Every Thursday night @ 6:30pm
- Andrew's D-Group - meets weekly at various times
- Summer Mission Team Visits - Various weeks throughout June and July.



FAREWELL FOR THE SUMMER



Just a few weeks ago, we gathered as a community group to bid our friend, Abby, farewell for the summer. Abby will be serving with an organization called Mission of Hope in the Dominican Republic. Her role is to organize and lead mission teams as they serve the local community of Jaraboca. Abby is seeking to become a Journeyman with the International Mission Board next year, so this opportunity is a taste of what she can expect in the future.

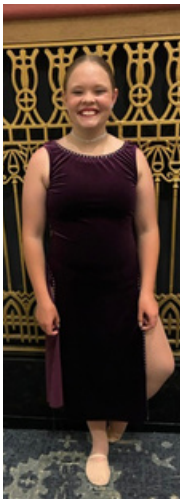
We are so proud of Abby and her obedience to answer the call to foreign missions. Our community group has watched her faith multiply as God met or surpassed each of her needs prior to the trip. She is fully funded and has a solid prayer team to support her.

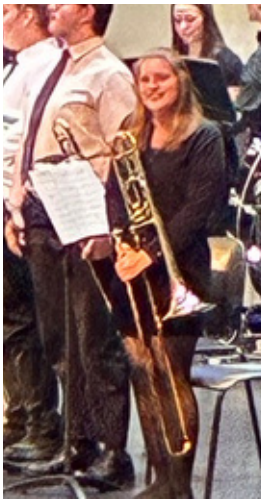


Celebrating Abby also gave the group an excuse to have our first group fellowship. Thanks to our incredible hosts, Jim and Ruby, the evening was such a blessing. We ate BBQ, played games, enjoyed cake and even sang hymns around the fit pit. This community group is blooming before our eyes. Would you join us in praying for Abby and the work she will a part of this summer? We miss her, but we know she is right where she needs to be!

Homefront News

25-26 SCHOOL YEAR IS IN THE BOOKS!



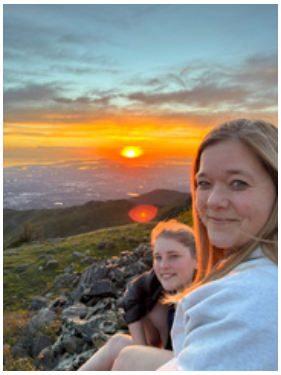




Hannah and Lilly's 25-26 school year started with a great deal of new experiences. New school, new band(s), new teachers, new routines...the list goes on! Even with all the new-ness, the girls thrived. Hannah had an especially difficult start to the school year, but ended with straight A's, multiple leadership roles in the Syracuse and Clearfield High School Band programs, and a small group of close friends. A resume not entirely different from her previous high school.

For Lilly, she has always handled change well, but she was a bit timid at the start of the school year. By the end, she too had a small group of close friends, a teacher that adored her (and vice versa) and a newfound love of dance. The resilience God has given these young ladies is nothing short of a miracle. They have faced this year with perseverance and grace and we are very proud of them!

VISITS FROM FAMILY AND PICTURESQUE SUNSETS



At the beginning of the month, Seth's family and a few of his friends made the long trek from Indiana to Utah. They spent the week catching up and enjoying some long-overdue family time together. One of the days, Seth and Bailey took them into Salt Lake to see sights like the LDS convention center and the Mormon Tabernacle.

On their final evening in Utah, we caravanned up 9200 feet to Francis Peak. This location, in the Wasatch Mountain Range, is one of our favorites because it overlooks 6+ cities, including Syracuse. We love visiting this spot with mission teams, friends or family to pray over the people and communities we are serving. It also boasts some pretty magnificent sunsets - further proof of God's handiwork!



MORE MINISTRY NEWS...



June is often the start of VBS season. Our family looks forward to this time each year, having been part of the VBS ministry for the past 25 years. We have seen our children grow up learning biblical truths and uplifting songs, eventually becoming VBS teachers and leaders themselves. One element of VBS that has held significant meaning for us, throughout the years, is the focus on missions. Each year, during VBS, missions is highlighted and many times an offering is collected to support a missions organization or family. We know firsthand the impact a financial donation can make, so we have always tried to give when the opportunity arises.

While serving in Uganda, a supporting church collected their missions offering to bless our family. Many times, God would use the funds to meet a need we were struggling with or to support ongoing ministry in the village. Fast forward to 2026, where we have been blessed once again by the financial gifts of a supporting church. Living Waters Community Church raised a record amount in donations during their VBS week. We are grateful to all who gave to support the work in Utah. Thank you LWCC!!

Praises & Prayer Requests

- Pray for the summer missions teams that will be visiting throughout June and July.
- Pray for the Ayers family, specifically their daughters. Pray for godly friendships to form, as they are missing those connections back home. Click here for more information about the Ayers.
- Continue praying for the Syracuse community group.
- Continue praying for the Redemption Bear River congregation. Click here for more information about Redemption Bear River.
- UPDATE!! Continue praying for Bailey and Rachael's co-worker. He has started attending church with us and we can visibly see changes occurring in his life!

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