

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 3, 2016

11:00 am



### Sermon:

“Two by Two:  
Out of the Ark,  
Into the Harvest”  
Rev. Gary Dalton

### Scripture:

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### Anthem:

*Rescue the Perishing* — Schwoebel

**Deacons:** \*Brad Groff, Debby & Larry Johnson, Erin Brown, Lynda Tweel, Pam Johnson, Scott Miller, Shirley Clark, W.C. Keith

**Nursery Workers:** Aimee Marshall, Michelle & Chandler Proffitt, Diane Woerner, Ewing Minor

**Ushers for July:** Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Hugh Ames

**Greeters:** David Hendon, Diana Ames

**Medical On-call:** Sally Chewing

# The Word

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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA



“Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

— Matthew 13:8-9

I’m more of the ‘let’s just rip that Band-aid off and take a look’ kind of guy.

Which is not to say I welcome a chance to rip off a bandage if I’m the one sporting the bandage. Not at all do I enjoy the experience. The Band-aid and I have found an accommodation. I’ve found workarounds to the sore spot and the bandage that covers it. But if it’s time to take a look, then it’s time. I grit my teeth, set my jaw, screw up my face, and get to it.

University Baptist Church has kept a Band-aid covering a sore spot in its church body. The sore spot is a question which has lingered under wraps for years now, at least since 2005: “How should UBC respond to men and women who are homosexual? Specifically, how should the University Baptist congregation welcome openly gay men or women, single or married, who wish to join UBC?”

The Deacons believe that now is the time to uncover this sore spot, to bring it into the full daylight of congregational conversation, discernment, and decision. By Thursday of this week, the Church Office will mail out a letter from the Deacon body describing why they believe now is the right time for this conversation to happen and the format in which they will host the conversation. At the end of the process, the congregation will be asked to pass a resolution which best states its understanding.

Whatever our present views may be on this sore spot question, and I mean that ... *whatever our present views (and I include myself in this next part!)*... we all are

gritting our teeth, setting our jaws, and screwing up our faces as we approach this grand reveal: To whom does the University Baptist Church intend its open membership policy to apply? Is there an unwritten, unspoken expectation that attaches to it when the candidate is gay that is different from when the candidate is straight?

Please consider your Deacons. You know them, and you trust them, or else you would not have ordained them to this special responsibility. They are not strangers imposing their wills on you. They are your fellow members doing in the best way they know how, to enable you to have a difficult but needed conversation.

I ask you to read their letter carefully. I plead with you that you do not withdraw yourself from this upcoming conversation. If you find this whole topic too uncomfortable to talk about, then find someone else who can speak for you. But, listen for yourself, think for yourself, and when the time comes to decide in one of the four ways which the letter outlines, then vote for yourself. Together and all involved is the only way for the will of Christ for University Baptist Church to be heard and obeyed.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,  
~ Gary

Go to <http://wp.me/p3JX6D-2ar> to see Questions and Answers About the Work of the Deacons' Openness Task Force.

## Summer Covered-Dish Fellowship Supper Wednesday, June 29 5:30 pm

6:15 Youth Mission Trip Report



Bring a main dish  
and a side dish  
or dessert.

## Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Camp July 18-22

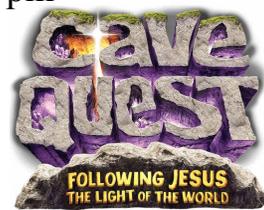
For kids who have finished K-5

VBS 9:00 am to 12 noon

Camp (opt.) 12 noon to 5:00 pm

Contact Erin Brown for more information and to volunteer to help. Information and online registration are available on the UBC website.

REGISTER NOW! [universitybaptist.org/vbs](http://universitybaptist.org/vbs)



## Youth Mission Trip

This group of youth and chaperons left Sunday, June 19, for 6 days and 5 nights of Passportmissions Camp in Danville. In the mornings, they did local hands-on missions, and in the afternoons they experienced a Christian summer camp, which included

BEFORE



student-led worship, Bible study, games, singing, and a variety show. Also, as part of the camp, the youth participated in a digital Sabbath — no phones, no internet, no distractions all week! See the UBC facebook page for more pics.

AFTER



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Concerns**

Barbara Weber — UVA Hospital  
Nancy Eaton — UVA Hospital

**Thank You**

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, cards, PrayerGrams, calls, visits, and all the delicious food you have provided over the past weeks to us. We have been so blessed by all of you and will see you soon!

— Diana & Hugh Ames

**Virginia Baptist Disaster Response**

Disaster response teams are on standby to assist homeowners with flood recovery as flood waters recede in western Virginia and West Virginia. For more information on how you can help, go to [bgav.org](http://bgav.org).

*Pray for the people in western Virginia and West Virginia who were affected by the recent flooding. Pray for the relief workers.*

**UBC This Week**



**WEDNESDAY, June 29**

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 5:30 Covered-dish Supper
- 6:15 Youth Mission Trip Report
- 7:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, June 30**

- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group

**SUNDAY, July 3**

- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:30 LTT Meeting



**MONDAY, July 4**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY, July 5**

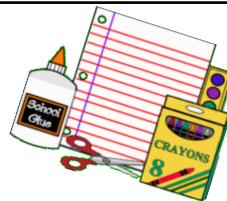
- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group

**WEDNESDAY, July 6**

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 7:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal

**WMU School Supplies Project**

The WMU is collecting money to purchase school supplies for the low-income children at Woodbrook Elementary School. This project is coordinated by Love INC in cooperation with city and county schools' Family Support Workers. You can make checks payable to UBC and earmark them for "School Supplies."



*"We have a wonderful teaching staff at Woodbrook that spends time and money on their classrooms and extra-curricular activities with students. Having some basic supplies provides a boost to our morale and a positive atmosphere when the teachers don't have to pay for the supplies out of pocket."*

*Rachael Clarke*  
Family Support Worker at Woodbrook



Pictures from the UBC Picnic held on June 12. The weather, the food, and the fellowship were all excellent!

Many thanks to Donna and Forrest Marshall for again hosting this annual event.

