

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

October 30, 2016
11:00 am

Sermon:

"I Am Spartacus"
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Hebrews 2:10-18

Anthem:

The Gift of Love — Hopson

Deacons: *Brad Groff, Ed Lowry, Jack Averill, Larry Johnson, Pam Johnson, Raynell Stokes

Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Will Wagoner, Laura Faye & Carter Groff

Children's Church: Erin Brown, Joey Hamel

Ushers for October: Ian Pallini, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Ed Barker Hugh Ames, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Pam & Jim Hallissy

Medical On-call: Clara Belle Wheeler

Pray for the members of UBC who are struggling with their understanding and acceptance of the decision the membership made this past Sunday.

Pray for our nation as we approach the election of a new president.

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 30
3:00 pm

At the home of Judy and Robby Gough

Wear a costume! Bring a friend!

Bounce House
Crafts
Games
Face Painting
Candy
Food
And More!



The Word

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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

A Bridge Across



We'll take our time as we need and want, we'll linger only to see what we can see, then we'll move along to the other end of the Bridge, to meet whomever the next Senior Minister should be.

This past Sunday, the congregation met in Church Conference. By a large majority we voted to welcome openly gay persons as any other persons who may present themselves for UBC membership by their profession of faith in Jesus Christ through Christian baptism. The vote tally among the four options presented by the Deacons is listed below.

I want to thank you for turning out in so large a number for this conference. I add my appreciation, as well, to our Deacons and to the Openness Task Force, for how they facilitated this process.

Let's now move ahead in as caring a manner as we can understand to do. This first means that we recognize a shared concern to which we all need to attend. Some members will find this decision hard to accept. Please find a way to reach out to these friends to encourage them to stay with us at UBC. Leave-taking should not be a hasty decision, and I hope it won't happen at all.

You may find yourself among those members deeply disappointed by Sunday's decision. Your Christian conscience guides you to a different answer. What I deeply hope is that your differing answer does not diminish your involvement with UBC. Most deeply of all, I pray that under Christ's leading, you will

decide not to let this difference compel you to seek another church home.

While we carry this genuine burden of concern for one another, we also carry a responsibility to embrace this significant moment in the life of University Baptist Church. The congregation has reasonably explored what the Gospel may require in receiving gay persons into its fellowship.

Should we ask gay members to commit to a lifetime of celibacy, with no prospect of gaining the benefits of Christian marriage? Should we distinguish between straight believers and gay believers in their access to other rights and responsibilities of membership? If so, how would that distinction reflect our understanding of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ? A large majority has agreed that, yes, the Gospel welcomes persons of a same-sex orientation as it welcomes us who are heterosexual, so University Baptist Church also welcomes those persons with no further distinctions made among members.

As any church that hopes to continue faithful to the Gospel will do, UBC has done. As its members more fully understand the Gospel, it modifies its church practice to better conform to the Gospel's

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The Deacons of
University Baptist Church

Invite you to a
HARVEST LUNCHEON

Sunday November 6

After worship
in the Fellowship Hall
Choral Program to follow at 1:30

Please RSVP by Oct 31
434.293.5106
office@universitybaptist.org

Donna Authers to Speak

Wednesday, November 2, 6:15 pm



The Bereavement Ministry Team invites everyone to come and hear an informative and uplifting, scripture-based program entitled, "Good Grief: Living Through it and Helping

Others." Our speaker will be Donna Authers, caregiver, inspirational speaker, and author. She will share sound strategies to consider when we experience loss.

Jubilate and The Sanctuary Choir

present

Let All the Nations Praise the Lord

A Choral Celebration of Worship

Featuring the music of Randall Thompson and John Rutter

Sunday, November 6, at 1:30 pm

Following the Harvest Luncheon

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meaning. This you have done, and it is a good, good step in faithfulness for which we may give thanks to God.

So, now what? Now, the congregation continues to find *“its unity in the common desire to live in communion with God, be obedient to Christ, and build with one another a Baptist community of faith”* (UBC Constitution, Article IV, Section 1).

For my part, Philippians 1:3-6, expresses well my thoughts about each and all of you, *“I thank my God ... thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that God, who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”*

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
 ~ Gary

Resolution on Membership of Openly Gay Persons Adopted by University Baptist Church, October 23, 2016

University Baptist Church seeks to be an authentic community of Christians who love and care for each other as a family.

Now therefore be it resolved that University Baptist Church openly welcomes and includes all people regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, or background. We believe that all people have important gifts to share in God's family. Full rights and responsibilities of membership in University Baptist Church are open to all who publicly profess a personal faith in Jesus Christ through Christian baptism.

Option 1, (above), passed by 90 votes in favor, or 70.87% of the total 127 ballots cast. Option 2 received 15 votes in favor (11.81%). Option 3 received 5 votes in favor (3.94%). Option 4 received 16 votes in favor (12.60%).
 1 ballot abstaining was cast (.78%)

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to W.C. and Anne Keith and Ruth Dillard at the death of their premature great- and great-great granddaughters.

Alma Hunt State Missions Offering

During October we are supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. The goal is \$3,000. To date we have collected \$981.

This offering supports ministries in and missionaries from Virginia. A portion of the money goes back to the local associations. Since the CVBA (Central Virginia Baptist Association) supports the chaplain ministry, that means our contributions will be supporting the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women.

Mission Opportunities

Missions Fair

Wednesday, November 9, 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall

WMU Collections for Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women (FCCW) of greeting cards, stamps, stationery, and toiletry kits are due November 13. (More details to come.)

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due November 20. Plan to fill a shoebox and make a difference in a child's life. Go to Samaritan's Purse for a list of items for the shoeboxes.

Christmas Dinner in a Bag will be due mid December. (More details to come.)

Wednesday, November 2

5:00 pm Supper: Bœuf Bourguignon,* Roasted potatoes

6:15 pm Program: “Good Grief: Living Through It and Helping Others” — Donna Authers

*beef stew with an elegant French accent

WEDNESDAY, October 26

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Pork chops)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Activities
- 6:15 “OBTW, SOJ”: Easy Peasy and Slow-Mo No — Gary Dalton
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:10 Video Series

THURSDAY, October 27

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, October 30

- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 3:00 Fall Family Festival
- 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, October 31

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, November 1

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 12:00 WMU Executive Comm. Mtg.
- 7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, November 2

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Bœuf Bourguignon*)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Activities
- 6:15 “Good Grief: Living Through It and Helping Others”
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Annual IMPACT Assembly

Thursday, October 27

6:30 - 8:00 pm

At The Church of the Incarnation

The goal this year is to work for better treatment options for women and more affordable and quality options for seniors.