

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 5, 2017
11:00 am



Sermon:

"Planting Trees"
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Luke 2:22-40

Anthem:

"Just As I Am"
— arr. Young

Deacons: *Brad Groff, Anne Keith, Debra Bryant, Ed Smith, Jack Averill, Jim Moore, Larry Johnson, Lynne Gardner, Wayne Ferguson
Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Suzanne Smith, Emily Morris
Children's Church: Katherine Cooper, Carter Groff
Ushers for February: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewing, Martha Wood, Joyce Martin, Jack Wilkerson
Greeters: Martha Ballenger, Brad Groff
Medical On-call: Clara Belle Wheeler

The Senior Minister Search Committee is posting regular updates on the UBC website. These can be accessed here: <http://universitybaptist.org/pastorsearch>

Food Bank Collection

Through February 5, the WMU is collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations for the Thomas Jefferson Area branch of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

Did You Know?

- Because of their greater purchasing ability, the Food Bank can take every \$1 you give and provide 4 meals.
- The Blue Ridge Area Food Banks expect to provide healthy, nutritious food to more than 114,400 children, families, and individuals every month this year, and distribute more than 24 million pounds of food this year through a far-reaching network of 215 Virginia food pantries, soup kitchens, schools, churches, and other non-profit groups.
- The Youth will be collecting money for Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5.

Checks can be made to UBC and earmarked for the Food Bank.



Collection boxes are located in the First Floor Lobby and Fellowship Hall.



The Word

January 31, 2017

Vol. 69, No. 5

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.

Conversations can reconnect one with very old memories in the oddest ways. Dr. Bill Wilson's presentation to us on Sunday morning, January 15, prompted me to vividly recall an image from my childhood in Martinsville. I was eleven, and it was a hot summer.

Our house did not have central air, but we did have a massive attic fan, a gray-steel monster mounted in the hallway ceiling just outside our second-floor bedrooms. We slept with our doors opened onto the hallway during the summer because of The Fan. Each night at bedtime, Dad would turn it on. The motor would start the big fan-blades revolving with a *swoosh-swoosh-swoosh* until it got up to speed and settled into a steady, deep, hypnotic hum. An excellent sound, by the way, for summer sleeping. There was just one problem with The Fan, though.

Our window screens had holes aplenty for any mosquito looking to get at us as we slept. Our attic fan, however, with its wind-tunnel effect throughout the house, seemed to suck in mosquitoes just passing by down the street! Flies and gnats that had settled down for the night found themselves unwillingly air born, snatched up by the jet stream The Fan created. Spiders, thank goodness, stayed securely anchored in their webs.

But—and here's the point—we didn't realize the sheer volume of bugs flowing through our rooms while we slept. Not until Dad brought home a new product from the fine folks of Shell Oil: the No-Pest Strip. The No-Pest Strip was a thick yellow slab of sure death for any insect that flew into its airspace, whether by choice or dragooned by The Fan.

This is my memory: awakening the next morning, standing up in my bed, peering into the gold-foil cardboard box that held the Pest Strip overhead, and seeing its yellow



slab of sure death now absolutely slathered in insect carnage. It was a fascinating horror to ponder the mob of bugs which had flown through my room as I lay peacefully sleeping through the night.

Bill's statistics about these daunting times for churches brought that memory to my mind's eye. We all knew something was up causing this downturn in churches. We just had no idea there was so much flying around our heads, until Bill gathered all that data together in one place for us to behold. Perhaps you felt something like the shock I witnessed that early summer morning long ago...so, THIS is what's been going on around us and most other churches in America? THIS is what we're facing each Sunday as we sit in our sanctuaries?

Central air was a luxury few families afforded for themselves in my boyhood town of Martinsville. We settled for fixing window screens and cleaning out bug denizens from the window sills. But, the best solution? The best solution was to get a central air system installed, unimaginable for many of us back then but so essential and assumed by most of us today.

Churches in America, and I suppose UBC on the Corner too, are past what a little fixing and tidying up can remedy. We need a new "system" to replace whatever is the church ministry version of my boyhood house attic fan; something different to offer effective Christian witness and to build communities of faith into the upcoming decades of the 2020's and 2030's.

At the cornerstone laying for University Baptist Church in 1928, Dr. J.W. Cammack said "reckless faith" had made UBC possible. The time seems to have arrived again for reckless faith.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
~ Gary

Interactive Family Worship - This Sunday, Feb. 5 In the Sanctuary - 9:45-10:30am

For kids (of all ages!), youth, parents, and families to worship together. Everyone is welcome! Nursery, children's and youth Sunday Bible Study classes are joining together for this interactive time of worship during the Sunday School hour, but everyone is invited to participate! Please bring a canned food offering.

PACEM January 28-February 10 People And Congregations Engaged in Ministry

See page 2 for list of items still being collected.

For these two weeks UBC will open Fellowship Hall from 6:00 pm until 7:00 am each night for about 40 men to have dinner, take showers, socialize, and spend the night. This ministry doesn't happen without the generous support of YOU!

— Laura Morris, Jennifer Wagoner, and Katherine Hamel

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

1223 West Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22903
Phone (434) 293-5106
Fax (434) 979-6433
Prayer Line (434) 923-0120
Web Site www.universitybaptist.org

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Wednesday, February 8

5:00 Supper: BBQ

6:15 Program: Festival of Hymns

We Are Collecting for PACEM:

- Adult men's athletic socks
- Chapstick, Hand warmers
- \$5 McDonald's Gift Cards
- Backpacks — new or gently used
- Duffle bags
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
- Disposable razors, Shaving cream
- Puzzle Books, Coloring books

Paper Products for UVa Hospital Hospitality House

The Kittie Colvin Trail Circle is collecting paper products for the UVa Hospital Hospitality House through February.

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Paper towels | Also |
| Napkins | Plastic tableware |
| Zip-loc bags | Coffee |
| Paper plates, | Coffee creamer |
| Cups | Sugar |
| Hot cups | |

There is a collection box in the First Floor Lobby.

The Hospitality House offers overnight rooms at very low rates to out-of-town patients having outpatient treatments at the hospital and to the families of patients in the hospital. There are eight kitchenettes for the guests to use.

Any Changes?

Have you recently changed:
Your address?
Your phone number?
Your email?

Please let the Church Office know of any changes so that we can keep our records up to date.

**Faith & Justice
Congregational Conversation**

The Faith and Justice Committee is hosting a Congregational Conversation on Sunday, February 26 in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm.

Auction Items Needed!

Real Life (our youth) and Sima Brown will be hosting an Auction Fundraiser Wednesday, February 22, at 6:15 pm.

Auction items are needed.

We are asking for pretty or useful donations. These can include tables, lamps, dishes, decorative things, sofas, chairs, rugs, antiques, tools, etc. Items are being collected in the Youth Room (305).

Contact Sarah Wilson for more information (swilson@universitybaptist.org).



Auction items are needed!

HELP WANTED
Snack Suppers for Youth and Jubilate

We need volunteers to prepare a light supper for the Youth Group and Jubilate at 6:00 on Sunday evenings.

For more information or to volunteer, check the sign-up board in the First Floor Lobby, email Alba Beasley, or call the Church Office at 293-5106.

SAVE THE DATES

AUCTION FUNDRAISER
Wednesday, February 22

OIAM
Saturday, April 29

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 19-23

Pray for our guests from PACEM and for all of the volunteers who are working with them.



WEDNESDAY, February 1

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Pork chops)
- 6:00 PACEM
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Bible Study
- 6:15 Children's Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 2

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group
- 6:00 PACEM

FRIDAY, February 3

- 6:00 PACEM

SATURDAY, February 4

- 6:00 PACEM

SUNDAY, February 5

- 8:30 Church Council Meeting
- 9:00 Genesis Choir
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 9:45 Interactive Family Worship
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:30 Jubilate Lunch
- 1:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
- 6:00 PACEM

MONDAY, February 6

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PACEM

TUESDAY, February 7

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 6:00 PACEM
- 7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, February 8

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (BBQ)
- 6:00 PACEM
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Festival of Hymns
- 6:15 Children's Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal