

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

March 26, 2017  
11:00 am

### Sermon:

“Overlooked, Ordinary,  
And Anointed”  
Rev. Will Brown

### Scripture:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

### Anthem:

*The Last Words of David*  
— Thompson

**Deacons:** \*Raynell Stokes, Barry Wilson,  
Debby Johnson, Johnny Ellen, Nelda  
Vaughan, Shirley Clark

**Nursery Workers:** Judy Gough, Arlene  
Propst, Jacob Morris

**Children’s Church:** Amanda Ohlms,  
Carter Groff

**Ushers for March:** Ian Pallini, Ed Barker,  
Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Ron Tweel

**Greeters:** Martha Ballenger, Brad Groff

**Medical On-call:** Lu Overbeck



## Homecoming

## Concert

Sunday, March 26

5:00 pm

At University Baptist Church

Reception Following

# The Word

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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.



Supposedly, Saint Patrick used the Shamrock to explain to the pagan Irish how God could exist as one God yet Three Persons in the Trinity. Don't know if Saint Patrick had a teaching aid for the Incarnation, but for myself, I look to the Mobius Strip.

I prefer to call it the ‘Infinity Strip;’ first, because the Mobius Strip looks like the symbol for infinity, and, second, the word *infinity* is a pretty good word for talking about God. So what is the Infinity (a.k.a. Mobius) Strip?



In the spirit of learning by doing, cut a strip of paper 1-inch wide and 11-inches long. Dead-center along the length on one side, draw a line using one color marker, and on the other side draw a centered line along the length using a different color marker.

These photos show my infinity strip in the making: same strip of paper, blue line on one side, red line on the other. Something I didn't do, but you should do, is label one side *eternal*, and label the other side *mortal*.

Now comes the fun part: grasping one end of the marked strip in your left hand and the other end in your right hand, give one end a half-twist, either up or down. Then, with the paper strip still in its half-twist, bring the first color end over to meet the second color end, and tape the two ends together. Ta-da! You have made yourself a Mobius Strip, something like this photo of my Mobius Strip.

*You now have an object which has only one side!*



Don't believe me? Put your finger at any point on the line, and follow the line with your finger—along the line, into the curve, over the next curve, keep going, and you'll end up exactly where you started, even though your line will go from one color (*divine*) to the other color (*mortal*) and then back again. How cool is that?! Very cool.

To really blow this thing wide open, suppose instead of working with a stiff paper rectangle, you worked with a piece of stretchy something that could be half-twisted and joined at any number of points along its edges and across its face? The possible intersections of *divine* and *mortal* where one couldn't distinguish crossing over from one side to the other would be beyond comprehending.

Thankfully, our Christian forbears held on tightly to their Hebraic roots that taught God created us human beings as soul-infused flesh and blood. Like a living infinity strip, the man or woman in whom God dwells has no neat dividing line—here delimits the soul side, and there marks the body side; nor did God intend us soul-infused beings to ever be split one side over against the other; we split ourselves off from God.

Jesus of Nazareth showed us the one human life in whom existed no division and no separation between divine and mortal. Our Lord's life, death, and resurrection ushered in the return of God and mortals united, a new creation in Christ Jesus. For us, never perfected in this lifetime, we live always in process toward that ultimate perfection we'll experience post-death and in the ultimate resurrection God has for us all. Very cool!

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,  
~ Gary

## Intercessory Prayer Ministry

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry at UBC began in October of 2001 under the direction of Tom Leland. At that time, he wrote, “I am convinced that this kind of prayer ministry will be spiritually enriching at both the individual and corporate (church-wide) levels. Why? Because we will be undertaking that which scripture calls us to do – ‘pray without ceasing’ (1 Thess. 5:17). Oswald Chambers really was on target when he said, ‘Prayer does not equip us for the work of the church – prayer IS the work of the church.’”

There is a room on the third floor that is accessible only to intercessors. It is quiet and pleasant and contains all of the materials needed to facilitate this ministry. At any given time an intercessor will be in the Prayer Room praying for church mem-

bers and their families and friends, visitors to the church, and complete strangers. They will be praying for people in every situation that individuals and families face on a daily basis. Intercessors also write notes of encouragement, PrayerGrams, to many of those they pray for.

One of the best things about the UBC Prayer Ministry is that the hour of the week you select can be a time which fits your schedule (even if it is an unorthodox hour!).

Please consider becoming a part of this vital ministry of the church.

The current coordinators of the IPM are Betty Barker and Lu Overbeck. If you would like more information, contact Betty (BHBarker81@hotmail.com) or Lu (luoverbeck@gmail.com).

## Intercessory Prayer Ministry

If you have a need for prayer, or know someone who does, please contact us.

Your information will be kept in confidence by the prayer intercessors.

- call our 24-HOUR PRAYER LINE: 434-923-0120
- fill out a Prayer Request card located in the pew racks
- call or email the church office: 434-293-5106  
[office@universitybaptist.org](mailto:office@universitybaptist.org)

Visit the Prayer Page on our Web Site: [www.universitybaptist.org](http://www.universitybaptist.org)

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Concerns**

Velma Norvelle — MJH  
Barbara Weber — At Home  
Mary Ella McCauley — At Home

**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Brent and Sarah Wilson on the birth of a daughter, Hannah, on March 21. The proud siblings are Liam and Zoe.



**Thank You**

I want to thank all of you for the love and support you showed to our family after Betty Hall's passing.  
— *Mary Sheler & Family*

**Updates Needed for UBC Directory**

An updated UBC Directory will be distributed in April. Please contact the church office with any updates to your address, phone number, or email. If you'd like a new photo included in the directory, please send that in as well. Alternatively, Will Brown can take your picture on Sunday, April 9, before or after worship. Otherwise, we will use the same photo from last year.

**Silk Flowers Needed**

We are collecting silk flowers (new or gently used) to be made into arrangements for an OIAM project. There is a collection box in the First Floor Lobby

**Wednesday, March 29**

**5:00 Supper:** Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Green beans  
**6:15 Program:** Lenten Study — Spiritual Practices

**Financial Report**

Needed to date \$107,754  
Received to date \$ 93,383

**Children's Mission Program Project**

Each Wednesday night our Children's Mission Program will be assembling 12 bags of healthy, non-perishable food to go in weekend backpacks for children at Venable Elementary School. This backpack program at Venable provides meals and snacks for the weekend for families who are currently unable to provide meals for the family.

All Souls Church is partnering with UBC to collect food for these weekend bags. You can help by donating packages of 12 or more (individual servings) of food for the backpack program.

**THIS WEEK WE NEED:**

- \* Shelf-stable milk & juice
- \* Healthy cold cereals
- Fruit
- Canned chicken
- Pudding cups

\* Especially

Look for collection boxes on the stage in Fellowship Hall and in the First Floor Lobby.



Assembling food for the backpacks



**WEDNESDAY, March 22**

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

**THURSDAY, March 23**

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

**SUNDAY, March 26**

- 9:00 Genesis Choir
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 5:00 Jubilate Homecoming Concert

**MONDAY, March 27**

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

**TUESDAY, March 28**

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

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*Pray for families receiving the backpacks filled with food for the weekend.*

**CVBA Women's Retreat**

(Central Virginia Baptist Association)

**A LOVE THAT CHANGES LIVES**

**Saturday, March 25, 9 am - 2 pm**

Beaver Dam Baptist Church

Cost: \$10 (Free Child Care)

RSVP: [cvbawomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:cvbawomensministry@gmail.com)