

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 30, 2017
11:00 am

Sermon:

“Growing Faith”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Romans 8:26-39

Anthem:

Many Gifts, One Spirit — Pote

Deacons: *Raynell Stokes, Alan Hendricks, Debby Johnson, Larry Martin, Nelda Vaughan, Brad Groff

Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Catherine Cooper, Wyatt Minor, Mary Jo Hendricks

Children’s Church: Jeannette May, Lindsay Marshall

Ushers for July: Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Joe Zhu

Greeters: Jim & Pam Hallissy

Medical On Call: Clara Belle Wheeler

The Word

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On Watch*

Today, we begin a journey together. Only God knows where it will go. There will be ups, downs, twists, and turns. We will laugh, cry, learn, grow, and share life’s experiences. This is a new chapter in the life of our church. We know that God has been working in this congregation for over 117 years. God worked throughout the tenure of each pastor. God worked during the periods of interim. And, over the last few months, God has been particularly active in my life.

God’s recent activity in my life is not an indicator of previous inactivity. Various events prompted my awareness of God’s movement. I listened. And, when I did, I heard. Jesus was right! “Search and you will find” (Matthew 7:7). For me, listening to God meant beginning a new adventure. This adventure is the journey we begin today.

Now, we look toward the future. Saying goodbye to Kilmarnock Baptist felt like the end of a chapter in the long, beautiful story of the church. My chapter there concluded. In Kilmarnock, a new one begins. Likewise, we begin a new chapter together at University Baptist Church.

What will the new chapter hold? We do not know—only God knows. Yet, we are participants. We enter the journey in this

new chapter together. As Kermit sang at the end of *The Muppet Movie* (1979), “Life’s like a movie, write your own ending. Keep believing. Keep pretending.” We are not characters in a movie, but we can take part in God’s work. We can keep believing.

The prophet Zechariah calls God’s followers “prisoners of hope” (9:12). Let us join together as “prisoners of hope,” keep believing, and be open to God. Let us join together and look ahead. What is God calling us to do in this next chapter? I hope we will not be shortsighted. When we consider God’s calling, let us take the long view. Where will we be in 10, 20, or 100 years? Today, we join together to begin living this new chapter.

* “On Watch” is the name of my weekly editorial column and is an allusion to a nautical expression. Being “on watch” means “keeping a sharp lookout.” I will offer reflections of what I see while keeping a lookout.

Peace,
~ Matt

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.”

“Students on free or reduced-price lunch make up between 50 and 60% of [the Woodbrook School] population. This is an upward trend and higher than the average for Albemarle County. This comes as a shock to lots of people, because Woodbrook doesn’t look or feel like a high-needs school. I attribute this to a top-notch staff, active PTO, and the many resources (such as school supplies!) that are generously donated to our school. More than any other school I’ve worked in, kids here love coming to school every day because they get what they need, not just academically but physically, socially, and emotionally.”

Rachael Clarke
Family Support Worker
Woodbrook Elementary

We need Brownies, Deviled eggs, and Cookies

For the Reception this Sunday.

Contact Sima Brown if you can bring any of these food items.
spbrown96@msn.com or 434-823-2747

Everyone is Invited to a
Welcome Reception
For The Tennant Family
Sunday, July 30, in Fellowship Hall
Following Worship

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Thank You

Karen and I thank you for the delightful reception hosted for us last Wednesday evening. Your kindness continues to amaze and encourage us and to deepen our gratitude to God for the privilege of serving with you during the interim. Thank you for the generous gift of money and the gift cards. While we're away for the short term, we'll stay close in hearts and prayers for the new chapter in UBC's life with our new Senior Minister, Matt Tennant, and his family.

— Gary & Karen Dalton



UBC Parking Lot Usage Update



Planning for our parking lot partnership with Piedmont Virginia Parking Center (PVPC) is continuing. The target date for implementation of paid parking is August 15.

You will note that we have moved the date out as we finalize some issues and get signs ordered.

Parking in our two lots will always be available and free for UBC's members and visitors while at the church building. The partnership with PVPC will generate regular revenue for the general budget expenses of UBC

Youth Mission Trip

A group of youth and adults from UBC will spend July 30-August 4 in Raleigh, North Carolina, doing urban mission projects at places like food banks, day-care centers, and nursing homes.

The mission trip is sponsored by Youth-Works. Each summer this organization provides life-changing Christ-centered mission trips for over 30,000 students and adult leaders in over 70 communities across North America.

Larry Johnson, Robby Gough, Kathy Wilson, Morgan Wagoner, and Sarah Wilson will accompany 15 youth on the trip (Emily, Jacob, Audrey, Kelly, Leah, Ismael, Joey, Zach, Taraneh, Javaneh, Carter, Lindsey, Chandler, Dean, and Eddy).

Note:

All paperwork is due by July 30.

Flowers Bring Great Joy!

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, please contact Sarah Buchanan at 434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com.



Also, if you would like to dedicate flowers for the Sunday worship service for a special remembrance or celebration, contact Sarah to reserve your special date.

THIS WEEK



THURSDAY, July 27

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, July 30

9:00 Fellowship
 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
 9:45 Bible Study
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 Youth Leave on Mission Trip

MONDAY, July 31

1:00 Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, August 1

9:00 UBC Work Tea
 9:00 Painting Group

Pray for our elected officials — local, state, and national.



Coming in August

Family Worship Service

Sunday, August 20, 9:45 am

Church-wide Homemade Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 20, 3:00 pm

Sunday Bible Study Regular Schedule Resumes

Sunday, August 27, 9:30 & 9:45 am

Wednesday family dinners (5-6pm), adult program (6-7pm) and children's mission program for K-5 (6-7pm) will resume in September!

* **Installation Service for Matt Tennant**
 Sunday, September 10, 11:00 am

God has called University Baptist Church to minister to the University Community and to the residents of the Greater Charlottesville-Albemarle Community, serving as agents of Christ's love and justice for those in need and offering a vital family of faith.

UBC Mission Statement

FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

- When you are in the building for something other than a group activity, please let someone in the office (during office hours) know when you arrive and when you leave.
- If someone you don't know wants to enter the building, suggest that they go to the front entrance and check in with the office.
- When you arrive and leave, please **MAKE SURE THE DOOR IS COMPLETELY CLOSED.**
- **WHEN YOU LEAVE, TURN OFF THE LIGHTS!**