

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

October 22, 2017
11:00 am

Sermon:

"God's Things"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 22:15-22

Anthem:

Offertory — Beck

Deacons: *John & Sarah Buchanan, Debby & Larry Johnson, Rachel & Scott Miller

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Arlene Propst, Jacob Morris

Children's Church: Shirley Clark, Lindsay Marshall

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

Greeters: Charlotte Bailey, Peter Ohlms
Medical On Call: Sally Chewing

The Word

October 17, 2017

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

A Word from Will . . .

In a recent Bible Study at Rosewood Village, we examined the story of Epaphroditus. You may have to dig deep in your memory banks for this one. Epaphroditus is not a character who appears in many "Children's Story Bibles" or on Sunday School posters. Indeed, he was also not a famous figure in his lifetime. We read about him only in Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Epaphroditus was sent from the Christian community at Philippi to be Paul's life-long servant, assisting Paul in his missionary work. Evidently Epaphroditus became ill, nearly to the point of death. Paul includes in his letter to the Philippians instructions that Epaphroditus is to return home, and they are to welcome him back with honor.

Why did Paul include this tangent in his prized letter, which would later come to form a book in our sacred Scriptures (Phil. 2:25-30)? Surely Paul had more important issues to write about! Division and uncertainty in the early church? Theological considerations around incorporating Gentiles? His own imprisonment?

Yet Paul does stop and take the time to include these thoughtful words. He carefully ensures that Epaphroditus's sincerity will not be doubted when he arrives home, reassuring the Philippians of his unwavering commitment and useful

service. A few words from Paul could do a lot to make sure Epaphroditus would be treated well.

Our attention is often drawn to the big, important issues of the day. Certainly, there are major challenges in our world, causes worthy of our time and attention.

Paul's example reminds us, however, that it is equally important to take time to care for the Epaphrodituses of the world, watching out for the people you won't hear about on cable news (or see on Sunday School posters).

That is why I'm heartened when I see the small acts of kindness in this church community: those who deliver bereavement baskets, bake brownies for funeral receptions, faithfully call our home care members, lovingly nurture little ones in the nursery, provide rides to those who need them, and so much more.

Faithfully proclaiming our Christian witness on key issues of the day is important, as is our thoughtful consideration of the big questions we face. While we do so, though, let's not lose sight of the equal importance of the small acts of generosity for the likes of Epaphroditus.

Peace,
— Will

Missions Opportunities

Now

Disaster Relief

Flood Buckets, Hygiene Kits, Financial Gifts (see UBC website)

Backpack Program

Ongoing (see UBC website)

Alma Hunt Offering

Through October

Missions Fair

Coming Soon!

Wednesday, November 15, 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 19. (More details to come.)

Christmas Dinner in a Bag will be due December 17. (More details to come.)

Global Missions Emphasis

November 26 - December 31

Christmas Card Post Office

November 26 - December 24

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 29
3:00 pm

At the home of
Judy and Robby Gough

Bounce House

Face Painting

Crafts

Games

Food

Candy

And More!



Join us Sundays after worship for
Coffee & Cookies
On the Porch
(weather permitting)

Alma Hunt Offering For Virginia Missions

During October we are supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. Our Goal: \$3,000

This offering supports ministries in and missionaries from Virginia. To date we have collected \$2,055.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY,
PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF
THE MINISTERS AT HOME:
Matt Tennant, Alba Beasley, Will Brown

Coming Soon! N

(Presale for
UBC folks

Wednesday, November 15
(5:00 - 6:00 pm)

All proceeds benefit
UVA Children's Hospital



The Deacons of University Baptist Church
will be sponsoring a Church-wide

Harvest Luncheon

More details to come.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Thank You

Thanks so much for your care following the loss of my father, Ed Lonvick. We appreciate the basket from the Bereavement Team, your calls and notes of concern, and your presence and assistance at the open house in his memory. We remain filled with fondness and appreciation for University Baptist Church. Blessings on you all.

— Beth, Michael, Thea, & Wesley Cheuk

Needed

Woodbrook Elementary School, with whom we are partnered by Love INC, has asked for **boys' elastic-waist pants, sizes 4, 6, and 8**, (under and outer), new or gently used. Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall stage.

On Call Needs Your Call

We need a few more people who will serve as the "On Call" on Sunday mornings — serving once a month or less. We are looking for anyone who is an EMT, MD, Paramedic, Nurse, or has other medical training, who knows how to use the AED or is willing to learn.

Contact Sally Chewning.
sacksins@gmail.com or 434-984-6744

Wednesday, October 25

5:00 pm — Supper: Lasagna, Salad

6:10 pm — Program: Quarterly Church Conference

CVBA Fall Meeting

(Central Virginia Baptist Association)
Sunday, October 22, 3:00 pm
at Beaver Dam Baptist Church

Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, October 25, 6:15 pm

Agenda: Committee Reports

Habitat for Humanity Rake-a-Thon

Saturday, November 18

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Kickoff Event at Monticello H.S.

*A fun, family-friendly event
 for people of all ages
 that raises funds and awareness for
 affordable housing in our community*

RSVP Sarah Wilson
 by October 29

Sign up [here](#)



Venable Backpack Missions Project

The Venable Backpack food project is in need of the following foods:

- ◆ **Shelf-stable Milk** in individual Servings (e.g., Horizon or Organic Valley)
- ◆ **Juice** in individual servings
- ◆ **Easy meals:** mac-n-cheese, ramen noodles, Cup-o-Noodles, canned soup, canned chicken, Chef Boyardee, etc.

We also need paper grocery bags with handles.

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

Help Needed

We need volunteers to provide a light supper on Sunday evenings for the Youth Group and Jubilate.

You can sign up [online](#) or contact [Alba Beasley](#) for more information.



THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, October 18

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 12:30 Staff Meeting
- 5:00 Supper (Beef casserole, **Larry's Homemade Brownies**)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Mission Activities
- 6:15 "Faith as a Journey: Actively Seeking to be Mastered by God"
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



THURSDAY, October 19

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group

FRIDAY, October 20

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, October 22

- 8:30 LSTF Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 6:00 Real Life — Youth Group
- 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, October 23

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, October 24

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:15 Staff Meeting
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

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- 5:00 Supper (Lasagna)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Mission Activities
- 6:15 Quarterly Church Conference
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



You are invited to a silent retreat at...

Cost \$350
 Includes: meals, lodging, & monastery access



January 22-26, 2018
 \$75 Deposit due Nov 1

Holy Cross Abbey

Berryville Virginia

For more information, call the church office, or go to the website: <https://www.virginiatrappists.org/retreat-house/>