

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 8, 2016
11:00 am

Sermon:

“Discombobulation”
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Acts 1:1-11

Anthem:

This is the Time to be Joyful
— Choplin

Deacons: *Ed Smith, Alice Batten, Debby Johnson, Don Long, Donna Marshall, Jack Averill

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Debra Bryant, Diana Ames, Will & Katherine Wagoner

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

Greeters: David Hendon, Diana Ames

Medical On-call: Clara Belle Wheeler

Senior Minister Search Committee

These nominees for the Senior Minister Search Committee will be voted on at the **Church Conference on Wednesday, May 25:** Debra Bryant, Brad Groff, Alan Hendricks, Debby Johnson, Jim Martindale, Laura Morris, Chris Owens, Raynell Stokes

Get your act together!



UBC Variety Show

Wednesday, May 18
6:15 pm

If you would like to perform in this year's Variety Show, contact Larry Johnson or Laura Morris.

PIE THE PASTOR Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Wednesday, May 18 (during the Variety Show)

Everyone is invited to vote with a contribution in the ballot box. On the night of the Variety Show, the pastor who has raised the most contributions will receive a pie in the face! You can bid for the honor of being the pie thrower with your contribution.

LUCKY PASTORS
Alba Beasley
Will Brown
Gary Dalton
Sarah Wilson

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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.

Short of a log thrown down across a creek, bridges are a construction of many elements, each one working with the others to support the whole structure. No single beam or cable can carry the full weight. Together, though, we've all seen how the span of intertwined parts is strong and graceful. The same is true for a congregation traveling the Interim Bridge.

The Interim Minister is most definitely *not* the bridge across the expanse of time until the next Senior Minister is called. The Interim Minister is one component. I know you know this, but it helps to point out this fact. I'll add all my 5-foot 9-inch frame can offer, but that doesn't begin to reach nearly high nor far enough. (We won't go into the matter of circumference...not relevant to this conversation.)

You are an essential part of forming the bridge the UBC family needs to successfully cross the interim time. How many things I could list that I might wish to ask you to contribute! You may think it's got to be some part of the usual three-point stewardship pitch: time, talents, and money. As tempting as this trinity of institutional self-reliance can be, these are what any secular nonprofit group might ask of you. So, no, I'm not talking about the stewardship of your stuff.

What your church needs from you is the stewardship of your Christ-self. "Christ-self" is not a Baptist word, so allow me to go on. What I need and ask of you in these transition months is your witness as you yourself experience and know Christ. No one else can take your place. Your absence means that something essential goes missing from the bridge; it cannot be as strong, nor as graceful. Seriously. We suffer from your absence.

Christ is not into emailing, tweeting, Facebooking, Instagramming, Linked-Ining, any more than Christ was into printing presses, mimeograph machines, rotary phones, or IBM Selectrics (although those Selectrics were pretty sweet machines when they came out). Christ is into you: "you in Christ and Christ in you" is our Lord's one and only Plan A. Period.

All else are mere tools of a moment, as dated as last year's software and as short-lived as this year's tradeshow guru. What is eternal, what is of lasting worth, is you. For now, I'll simply list two foundational elements of your Christ-self we need here to make UBC's Interim Bridge work. I'll expand on these in next week's Word:

*Your Faithful and Honest Witness, Shared Responsibly; and
Your Continuity and Your Creativity*

~Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
Gary



OIAM Saturday, May 7

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Head Out to Jobs

(Lunch is provided at the job site.)



It is not too late to sign up for a job. Check the sign-up sheets.

There are projects for all ages and interests!



CBF National Missions Emphasis

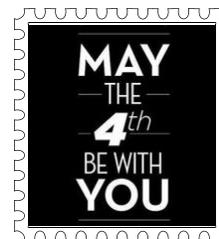
We are collecting contributions for National Missions, with a goal of \$4,000. UBC is again designating our offering to the work of Paula Settle, CBF Associate in Nada, Kentucky. This area is one of our nation's 20 "pockets of poverty" identified by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship over a decade ago.

For more information about Paula Settle's work through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, go to <http://www.thefellowship.info/Missions/Field-personnel/Settle>.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Concerns

Nettie Chewning — HealthSouth

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Sue Walton and her family at the death of her mother, Dorothy “Dot” Frances Walton, on April 29.

Thank You

The Jesser family is grateful for the amazing outpouring of love and support shown to our family during my mom’s illness and following her death. We are deeply touched, and your kindness will be remembered.

— Nicole Hilliard

We would like to thank everyone for all the calls, visits, food, and especially the prayers during Lane’s illness and hospitalization. It is truly special to feel so many prayers sustaining us during this time of crisis.

— Lane & Nancy Lynch

AQPTS

(A Quiet Place to Study)

May 4-12, 1:00 - 11:00 pm each day

Volunteers are needed to host students at UBC as they come into “a quiet place” to prepare for final exams. Check the sign-up board or contact Alba Beasley.

Proposed Changes to

UBC Bylaws & Leadership Manual

Church Council has considered ways that UBC might become more inclusive and broaden its base of candidates who will be eligible to serve on committees, teams, councils, etc. Council also considered how we might allow candidates who have demonstrated their Christian maturity, skills, willingness, potential, abilities and commitment to UBC to be nominated to positions of leadership. Finally, Council has considered a change which will allow Associate Members to vote on various church matters. These proposed changes will be discussed at a **Church Conference on Wednesday, May 25**. You can read these proposed changes at <http://wp.me/p3JX6D-1Z4>.

Volunteers Needed in the Nursery!

We need volunteers to help care for our birth through 5-year-olds in the nursery during the Worship Service on Sunday mornings. You can serve once a quarter or as often as you like. Contact Judy Gough.



Attention! All 2016 Graduates



Please let Sarah Wilson or the Church Office know if you are graduating this spring from

college
or graduate school
or high school

Senior Sunday at UBC is May 15. During the worship service, we will recognize all graduating seniors. We also want to include the names in our recognition in The Word. Parents, let us know about your graduates as soon as possible.

Circle Meeting

The Annie Armstrong Circle will meet Tuesday, May 10, at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, May 11

5:00 Supper: Meatloaf, Mashed potatoes, Lima beans

6:15 Program: UBC Interim Reports & Conversation
— Gary Dalton, LTT

Pray for guidance as we approach our Deacon elections.

WEDNESDAY, May 4

- 9:30 Parent’s Morning Out
- 5:00 Supper (Ham)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Quarterly Reports/Town Hall
- 6:15 Children’s Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 5

- 10:30 Women’s Prayer Group

SUNDAY, May 8

- 9:00 Children’s & Chapel Choirs
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, May 9

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

TUESDAY, May 10

- 9:00 Tuesday Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, May 11

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:00 PBJ Women’s Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Meatloaf)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Interim Reports & Conversation
- 6:15 Children’s Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Camp 2016 July 18-22

For kids who have finished K-5

VBS 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Camp (opt.) 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm
Volunteers are needed to serve as crew leaders and assistant crew leaders (help children rotate through the stations), to help with lunch and camp, and to donate cookies/snacks. Contact Erin Brown.

Information and online registration are available on the UBC website.

REGISTER NOW!

universitybaptist.org/vbs