



The Word

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 9, 2014
11:00 am

Sermon:

Rev. Allison Jackson

Scripture:

Matthew 5:13-20

Anthem:

This Little Light of Mine
— arr. Turner

Deacons: Scott Miller, Martha Ballenger, Ed Smith, David Hendon, Jimmy Li, Ed Lowry

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Amanda Ohlms, Adrienne Canterbury, Catherine Cooper, Wyatt Minor, Lily Gregg

Children's Church: Cindy Bryant, Katherine Wagoner

Ushers for February: Bryan Parsons, Shirley Clark, John & Jean Wood, Sterling Hudson, Sally Chewning

On-call Doctor: Clara Belle Wheeler

Welcome, Rev. Allison Jackson



Our guest preacher on February 9 is Rev. Allison Jackson. She is a staff chaplain with Centra Hospice in Lynchburg, Virginia, serving people from Lovingston to Gretna.

Allison was born and raised in a small town outside of Charlotte, North Carolina, and has been a Baptist for as long as she's been breathing. She went to Wake Forest University, where she studied chemistry and biology, intending to be a doctor. Instead, she met Patrick Jackson, who became a doctor, and she was called to divinity school in her senior year. Allison went to Yale

Divinity School and was ordained by Wedgewood Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, in May of 2010, and married Patrick in June of that year.

Allison did her Clinical Pastoral Education (pastoral care boot camp) at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte and the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville. She is Board Certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains and Endorsed by the Alliance of Baptists. She and Patrick live in Charlottesville with their two cats.

We welcome Allison to the pulpit this Sunday!

A Word from Michael

February is the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching sponsored by Baptist Women in Ministry. Known for her zeal and eloquence, Martha Stearns Marshall was an 18th-century Baptist who preached alongside her husband, Daniel, in churches in North Carolina and Georgia.

In honor of Martha Stearns Marshall, Baptist churches are encouraged to invite a woman to preach during worship during February. This coming Sunday, Rev. Allison Jackson will be our guest preacher. Allison comes recommended by Will and Erin Brown. On February 16, Rev. Elizabeth Dowdy will be our guest speaker. I'm looking forward to hearing both of

them share their gifts in the service of God.

In other matters, we will have to reduce \$20,000 from last year's budget. I encourage you to attend an important budget discussion meeting Wednesday, February 5, at 6:15 pm in the Choir/Lecture Suite. Next Wednesday, I'll give a "State of UBC" address. At that time I'll share some exciting things taking place at UBC, and answer any questions you may have.

Speaking of exciting things at UBC, this week's newsletter features an update on our ESOL classes. Future issues of the Word will focus on other ministries and programs.

~Blessings, Michael



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Get Your Act Together!

The Fellowship Committee will sponsor a Variety Show with wonderful entertainment and luscious desserts for the whole family on Saturday, March 22. If you would like to perform in this year's show, contact Larry Johnson (lajohnson1950@gmail.com) or Laura Morris (lmorris@k12albemarle.org).

ESOL Classes at UBC

by Nell Tiller

I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me. (*from Matthew 25:43*) We know that Jesus was responding to a question about how we can do things for him, and he turned their question into a statement about doing for him by doing for others.

As a young adult I was a BSU summer missionary in Peru for ten weeks. Besides getting the practice with Spanish that I had been studying, I was also wondering if being a missionary was what I was supposed to do with my life. The answer that came back was for me to go home and work with others who need to learn Spanish or English. I came back to the United States and began to help others understand the foreigners or immigrants in our land.



Jeannette May (left) with a student

A few years ago, Tom Leland, our former pastor, and his wife Sharron started practicing English with a few students they had met here in Charlottesville. Norman Potts, Sylvie Moore and Anne Keith joined them. I heard about what they were doing and agreed to begin working with them.

ESOL lessons emphasize word definitions and pronunciation, idioms, reading, and conversation.

What a marvelous deal we have here being only a few streets away from a major university. We can do things for Christ by talking English with professionals from around the world. There are many classes

for learning English provided by community leaders, but there are no classes for practicing English at an advanced level.

In our classes here at UBC we have at least 35 doctoral students in many professions

from several countries practicing English. We meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:45 until 10:40 on Sunday mornings. Anne uses an elementary American history book. I use a booklet I wrote called, "Let's talk about ..." that includes information about dealing with everyday life issues and situations. It also includes information about holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter are featured. Jeannette May's "day job" is working with teaching English to international students in the school system, and she brings a fascinating set of lessons to our ESOL program.

So many students began coming to our program that we asked to have some Madison House students help us. We started with three or four Mad house students last year. This year we have about a dozen. These additional workers allow us to work in very small groups and to do some one-to-one lessons.





Anne Keith (right) with a student

You might wonder why I haven't mentioned teaching these students about Christ. Simple answer: whenever you engage in conversation with a stranger, you have an opportunity to talk about Christ. For those students who begin to be interested in some lessons about Christianity, we form a class for them within the ESOL

ESOL classes at UBC meet Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:40 in Fellowship Hall. All classes are free, but pre-registration is helpful for new students by calling 434-293-5106 or emailing office@universitybaptist.org.

Light refreshments are provided.

Childcare is provided.

Transportation is provided upon request.

program.

As you can imagine, we have some students who spend a month or two with us, while others are with us up to a year and sometimes more. When students go back to their native countries, we often get messages back from them. Just imagine how large the mission "field" of UBC is!

Foreign missions are being practiced at University Baptist Church downstairs in Fellowship Hall during the school year. If you want to make a commitment to working with the ESOL program, get in touch with the Church Office — more workers can always be put to good use. New students are also always welcome.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to

Lillie Johnson and her family at the death of her husband, Herman.

Katherine Ayers at the death of her sister, Agnes Clark.

Special Greetings

To Alton Moore on his 100th birthday on February 6!



Pray for the individuals and families who are helping with PACEM over the next two weeks.

Budget Presentation & Discussion

Wednesday, February 5

6:15 in the Choir/Lecture Suite

Budget Vote at Church Conference

Sunday, February 9, 12:00 noon

Wednesday, February 12

Supper — Spaghetti, Tossed salad, Garlic bread

6:15 —“State of UBC,” Michael Cheuk



The Youth collected \$478 this past Sunday for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

WMU Food Drive

The Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU) is collecting canned goods and cash donations for the Thomas Jefferson Branch of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank through mid-February. Collection boxes are located in the First Floor Lobby and in Fellowship Hall. Checks can be made out to UBC and designated for the Food Bank.



- One in 10 people in our region is in need of food assistance.
- \$1 in the hands of BRAFB provides 4 meals to someone in need.

Those who receive food from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank include the most vulnerable in our communities – children, the elderly, struggling families, the working poor, people with disabilities, and the homeless.

WEDNESDAY, February 5

5:00 Supper (Chili, Hot dogs)

6:00 PACEM

6:15 Budget Presentation & Disc.

7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 6

10:30 Women’s Prayer Group

6:00 PACEM

FRIDAY, February 7

6:00 PACEM

SATURDAY, February 8

6:00 PACEM

SUNDAY, February 9

9:00 Fellowship

9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study

Seekers Bible Study

9:45 Bible Study

11:00 Worship

12:00 Called Church Conference

6:00 PACEM

MONDAY, February 10

10:30 Adult Bible Study

6:00 PACEM

TUESDAY, February 11

9:00 Painting Group

6:00 PACEM

6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, February 12

5:00 Supper (Spaghetti)

6:00 PACEM

6:15 “State of UBC”

7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal