

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 6, 2015
11:00 am

Communion Sunday

Sermon:

“Loving Neighbours”
(Faith in Action Part 2)
Dr. Michael Cheuk

Scripture:

James 2:1-10

Anthem:

Here I Am, Lord — Schutte

Deacons: *Scott Miller, Barbara & Bill Jesser, Brad Groff, Donna Marshall, Jackie Lockwood, Martha Ballenger, Peter Ohlms, Shirley Clark
Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Suzanne Smith, Arlene Propst, Michelle & Chandler Proffitt
Ushers for September: Cindy Bryant, Jack Wilkerson, Lily Pallini, Joe Zhu, Ronda Wiley, Shelley Miller
Medical On-call: Sally Chewning



Sunday Sermon Series

During September our Sunday morning sermons will continue to focus on **Faith in Action**.

Through text taken from the Book of James, we will explore how our life in Christ is manifest in our actions, our thoughts, and in our words, and how our daily lives are ‘faith in action’.

8/30 – “Doers of the Word”

[James 1:17-27](#)

9/06 – “Loving Neighbours”

[James 2:1-10](#)

9/13 – “Words”

[James 3:1-12](#)

9/20 – “Wisdom”

[James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a](#)

9/27 – “Prayer”

[James 5:13-20](#)

This past Saturday night, several people from UBC set up a table on the sidewalk by our front steps, providing refreshments to UVA students and others who passed by. Along with free coffee, lemonade, and snacks, we also made available brochures from UVA Student Health and the Women’s Center, providing information about campus safety and counseling resources for drinking, substance abuse, and sexual assault.

About two dozen people stopped for refreshments, but even more meaningful was the number of people who passed by and simply noticed the church. For many who are new to Charlottesville, this likely was their first impression of UBC: a church that is outgoing, generous, and friendly, with no strings attached. What a beautiful, yet simple, way to demonstrate our faith in action!



FAITH IN ACTION!

The Word

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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

A Word From Michael

In my sermon Sunday, I mentioned that during the past several weeks, the staff and I have had conversations with some of our church leaders to discover and discern ways that University Baptist can better put our faith into action.

Jack Averill, Debra Bryant, Brad Groff, Alan Hendricks, Ed Lowry, Larry Martin, and Ed Smith served as an advisory sounding board for Alba, Will, and me, and on September 13, Church Council will receive a recommendation from its Nominating Committee that this group serve as the Ministerial Relations Service Team.

During our conversations, it became clear that we needed to listen carefully to the pulse of the congregation. We developed five straight-forward questions designed to help staff, Deacons, and Church Council identify what the congregation appreciates about our church, what you have found to be exciting, those things which have been discouraging, your thoughts regarding relative priorities for the church, and directions in which you would like to go. These questions will be sent to the congregation today.

Responses will be transcribed into a comprehensive document which will show the unedited comments of each church member, while respecting the confidentiality of each responder by not mentioning names in the document.

Any comments that you prefer not to be in the document may be passed along to any member of the Ministerial Relations Service Team with that understanding.

On October 3, a UBC Leadership Retreat has been scheduled with members of our Church Council, Deacons and ministerial staff. At the retreat, we will use the congregational input, in the full context of our Biblical imperatives and our UBC mission, to start working on a short-term and long-term action plan for which all of us will be accountable.

More specific information will be available later, but we want to let you know about the survey now so that you may begin to prepare to offer your input.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful participation in this discernment process to ensure UBC’s future as a faithful and fruitful church!

~ Blessings, Michael

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

During September we will be supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions and the Chaplain Service at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Our goal is \$4,000.

One Virginia ministry that receives support from this offering is LUCHA, which stands for Latinos Unidos por Cristo en Hermandad y Apoyo (in English, “Latinos United through Christ in Solidarity and Support”). Led by Greg and Sue Smith, who serve with and among Latinos in the greater Fredericksburg area, LUCHA Ministries provide a Christian response to the question of immigration and the needs of the immigrant community.

This **Sunday** we will distribute several orange bags to be filled with groceries (list attached to bag). These bags will be taken to the CBFVA Assembly on Friday, September 18, where they will be given to LUCHA Ministries to be distributed to welcome some of our Virginia “neighbours.”

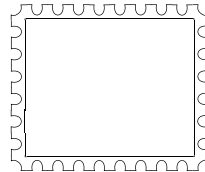
On **Wednesday**, September 9, we will have more orange bags to be filled with food items that have been purchased with mission money. Donations to UBC will be accepted to offset the cost of these groceries.



This past Sunday morning, youth and parents grabbed trash bags and plastic gloves and cleaned up the streets adjacent to the church.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Jim Sivley — C'ville Health & Rehab

Wednesday, September 9

5:00 Supper: Spaghetti, Salad
6:15 Program: "Neighbours, Near and Far" — Mark Snipes, CBFVA

Monday Adult Bible Study

The Monday Adult Bible Study will resume meeting on Monday, September 14, at 10:30 am at Rosewood Village on Greenbrier Drive. All adults are welcome to attend this weekly Bible study. Communion is served every second Monday.

Wednesday Work Team

Beginning this week, the Wednesday Work Team will be meeting and working on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am. They begin in Fellowship Hall with coffee.

Seekers Class Fall Breakfast

Sunday, September 6, 9:00 am

Circle Meeting

The **Annie Armstrong Circle** will meet Tuesday, September 8, at 12:00 pm at the CVBA Clothing Center on Bolling Avenue. Bring your lunch and join us!

Children's Wednesday Night Programming

Week 1: Games
Week 2: Music
Week 3: Missions Education
Week 4: Hands-on Service Project
Week 5: Party

Wednesday Night Supper Prices

All Adults - \$7.00
Age 9 thru College - \$5.00
Children 8 and under - Free
Family Maximum - \$20.00

If you wish to be on the permanent Wednesday night supper list, contact the Church Office (293-5106 or office@universitybaptist.org).

The reservation and cancellation deadline each week is Monday, 10:00 am.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP IS BACK!
8:45 am, 1st Floor Hallway**

**The Church Office will be closed
Monday, September 7
in observance of Labor Day.**

**Circle of Caring
UBC Deacon-Led
Team Ministry**



Transportation Ministry Team

The UBC Transportation Ministry Team provides rides to church activities and places such as medical and other important appointments.

The team is in need of additional members to meet the needs of our congregation. Please contact Peter Ohlms at pohlms@gmail.com or the church office (office@universitybaptist.org or 293-5106).

Anyone who has a need or knows of a need can contact the church office or email Circle of Caring at: circleofcaring@universitybaptist.org.

**Fall 2015
Wednesday Night Programming
6:15 in Fellowship Hall**

Sep. 2 Israel Trip Presentation

Sep. 9 "Neighbours, Near and Far"
— Mark Snipes, CVBA

Sep. 16 "Fellowship of Christian Athletes" — George Morris

Sep. 23 "Making a Home Among the Homeless" — Josh Hearne, CBF Field Personnel

Sep. 30 "Christianity: What's Up in the Land Down Under?"
— John Haig

Oct. 7 "Healthy Relationships, Pt. 1"
— Dr. Dan Bagby

WEDNESDAY, September 2

9:30 Parent's Morning Out
5:00 Supper (Chicken)
6:00 Prayer Time
6:15 Israel Trip Presentation
Children's Programming
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 3

10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, September 6

9:00 Seekers Class Fall Breakfast
9:30 ESOL Classes
Seekers Bible Study
Joyful Servants Bible Study
9:45 Bible Study
11:00 Worship
6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, September 7

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, September 8

9:00 Wednesday Work Team
Painting Group
12:00 Noon Tunes
Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.
6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, September 9

9:30 Pre-K Play Group
5:00 Supper (Spaghetti)
6:00 Prayer Time
6:15 "Neighbours Far and Near"
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7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Pray for our ministerial staff and our church lay leaders as they discover and discern ways that we at UBC can better put our faith into action.



Photographer Needed!

UBC is updating its pictorial directory and is looking for a volunteer with photography experience to take individual pictures of our congregation members. If you are interested and available, please contact the Church Office at office@universitybaptist.org.