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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.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 15, 2016
11:00 am

Sermon:

"The Holy Ghost
Transit Authority"
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Acts 2:1-21

Anthem:

If We Are the Body — Hall
Chapel Choir

Deacons: *Brad Groff, Carolyn Lowry,
Jimmy Li, Raynell Stokes, Scott Miller,
Wayne Ferguson

Nursery Workers: Karen & Wyatt
Minor, Sara Simoneau, Laura Faye &
Carter Groff, Taraneh Brown

Children's Church: Donna Marshall,
Chandler Proffitt

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

Greeters: Pam & Jim Hallissy

Medical On-call: Lynne Gardner

Leadership Transition Team Update

The LTT has moved on to its remaining charges. These are: recommend when the Associate Minister position should be filled, work with the Senior Minister search committee to clarify responsibilities, and prepare a summary of characteristics of a Senior Minister to be recruited. More details about these tasks can be found in the presentation materials from the town hall.

Regarding the third task, the LTT will hold congregational conversations to build on the work that the church did for the 2011-2012 transition team report, the 2015 questionnaire, and the leadership retreat. These conversations are meant to help the church understand its past, present, and future and prepare for where God is calling us for the next stage of the church's life. Please plan to attend!

Congregational Conversations

- Wednesday, May 11: During the evening fellowship program, Rev. Dalton and the LTT will lead an initial discussion and prayer time about the interim and transition period.
- Sunday, May 29: Rev. Dalton and LTT will facilitate small-group conversations after worship (time and details TBD).
- Sunday, June 5: Rev. Dalton and LTT will facilitate small-group conversations before worship (time and details TBD).

Note that the May 29 and June 5 events will be the same. You need to attend only one of those two; please plan for whichever is more convenient. We will also conduct off-site conversations as needed for people who are not able to make either event.

Baptist congregations are not debate societies. I know this claim may stretch the limits of credulity with you, but it's the truth — we are not debate societies. Rather, we are testimonial communities. We exist to bear witness with one another and with our larger society of how we've experienced God in Jesus Christ. You testify to your experience, and I testify to mine. We don't debate those experiences.

What we often fail to do, however, is to encourage one another to give our current, ongoing testimonies of our experience of God in Jesus Christ. We act as though the Apostle Paul wrote, "And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will *leave well enough alone and just make sure you arrive safely into Heaven* at the day of Jesus Christ."

What the Apostle actually wrote was, "**And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**" (Philippians 1:6) Paul emphasizes God starting with you where God finds you, God continuing to work on/with you every day following, and God finally finishing up on/with you at that future day. This is what I referenced last week as your "Christ-self" in the making.

God isn't investing all that good stuff in you and me just for our benefit. God is doing that good, ongoing Christ-work in order for you and me to testify! So, as I wrote last week, we need your Christ-self bearing witness, and if you're absent, then you will deprive us of something vital that God intends for you and your fellow

UBC'ers. During these interim months, your church family will need:

Your Faithful and Honest Witness, Shared Responsibly. Christ will not send an email (see attachments) for us to read. Christ will speak through us together. We each will listen respectfully and patiently. We may ask one another questions to clarify and expand our understanding of each other's witness. What we will not do is debate the other's witness. We will trust the other to speak with humility because we know our witness is partial and biased. So, we will do our best to sort the chaff from the wheat before we speak (that's the "responsible" part).

Your Continuity and Your Creativity. The truest experience of Christ will show continuity with our previous experiences of the Lord — we have to do with the same Lord, timeless in being, the same yesterday, today and for all time (per Hebrews 13:8). What is not timeless is our grasp on Christ's true self; we will learn new things, grow in new ways, be surprised by how different Christ is from our previous take on the Lord (That's where the creativity comes in.). It's Jesus Christ creating in us, and we're discovering new things about the Eternal Christ at which we'd never guessed before . . . exciting, stretching, invigorating, discombobulating stuff!

Please make this offering to God: be an active participant in this testifying community we call University Baptist Church.

— Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
Gary

2016 Deacon Election Ballot

Our Deacons serve as the spiritual leaders of the church, and they have responsibility in leading and facilitating our Circle of Caring ministry teams.

Please vote for SEVEN (7) members to serve as Deacons. Those seven receiving the most votes will be elected as Deacons to serve 3-year terms beginning September 2016.

To vote, you may do one of the following:

- Circle the names on the ballot and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a minister as you leave worship on Sunday.
- Call the church office at 293-5106.
- Email the church office at office@universitybaptist.org.

UBC Members Eligible to be Elected as Deacons Who Did Not Remove Their Names From Consideration

Zhu, Joe	Sivley, Kelley	Moore, Jim	Litchfield, Hugh	Dillard, Ruth
Wilson, T.J.	Sivley, Joanna	Minor, Karen	Lissenden, Kate	Dean, Pam
Wilson, Lauri	Sivley, Jim	Miller, Shelley	Lissenden, Brett	Dean, Mike
Wilson, Kathy	Singleton, Nichole	Miller, Rachel		Cromwell, Bill
Wilson, Barry	Sheler, Mary	Miller, Vicki	Lawrence, Peggy	Conklin, Lori
Willard, Fred	Shah, Judy	Miller, Brian		Clements, Shelby
Willard, Barry	Scruggs, Judy	McClain, Doyle	Kauffman, Ray	Chewning, Sally
Wilkerson, Jack	Propst, Arlene	McCauley, Mary Ella	Kauffman, Kristin	Chewning, Nettie
Wilkerson, Anne	Proffitt, Michelle	Mays, Peachie	Jones, Judi	Castle, Nancy
Whitworth, Robert	Proffitt, Greg	Mays, Donnie	Jones, Holly	Castle, Leon
Whitworth, Jane	Placzkowski, Ted	May, Joe	Johnson, Lillie	Carnes, Rossie
Whitt, Sue	Phipps, Barbara	May, Jeannette		Canterbury, Steve
Wheeler, Clara Belle	Payne, Shelley	Martindale, Laura	Hudson, Sterling	Canterbury, Adrienne
Weber, Barbara	Payne, George	Martindale, Jim	Hudson, Doug	Burruss, Margaret
Watson, Patrick	Parsons, Leslee	Marshall, Lila		Buchanan, Sarah
Watson, Laura	Parsons, Bryan	Marshall, Jim		Bryant, Bob
Wagoner, Shirley	Parker, Marcia	Marshall, Forrest	Hall, Betty	Brumbaugh, Jocelyn
Wagoner, Jennifer	Parker, Ed	Marshall, Donna	Groves, Larry	Bruton, Sissy
Wagoner, David	Parker, Edith	Marshall, Aimee	Hoege, Howard	Brown, Sima
Tweel, Ron	Pallini, Lily	Marchi, Joe	Hoege, Cinda	Brown, Gerald
Turner, Michelle	Pallini, Laurie	Mann, Page	Hendricks, Mary Jo	Brown, Kat
Turner, Brett	Pallini, Ian	Mann, Janice	Hendon, Linda	Brown, Doug
Truoccolo, Robert	Owens, Chris	Manning, Sandy	Gregg, Lily	Brown, Clara
Tiller, Nell	Overbeck, Lu	Manning, Renfro	Gough, Judy	Belt, Stephani
Tian, Esther	Murray, Barbara	Main, Ralph	German, Bob	Belt, Chris
Taylor, Sandra	Mundell, Tom	Main, Georgina	Gardner, Lynne	Batten, Alice
Taylor, McKenzie	Moumbossy, Perpetue	Mahone, Tom	Gaines, Nancy	Bailey, Charlotte
Stone, Carolyn	Morse, Margie	Mahone, Alice	Fuller, Barbara	Baber, Colleen
Stokes, Raynell	Morse, John	Mackey, Sam	Frazier, Louise	Averill, Jo-Ann
	Moore, Tom	Lynch, Nancy	Frazier, Ellis	Arey, Terry
Smith, Suzanne	Moore, Sylvie	Lynch, Lane	Estes, Jim	Anderson, Jim
Smith, Judy	Moore, Bill	Lowry, Molly	Dykes, Thomas	Anderson, Jane
Smith, Bill	Moore, Barbara	Long, Don	Dowdy, Jack	Ames, Hugh

OIAM (Operation InAsMuch)

On Saturday, May 7, over 90 volunteers of all ages met at University Baptist Church and went out to perform hands-on ministry projects across the city. They helped our neighbors and organizations with much-needed assistance. Check the UBC website and facebook page for pictures taken at the various job sites. Some of the pictures will be included in The Word over the next couple of weeks.

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40



Congratulations, 2016 Graduates!

Albemarle High School

Nolan Minor

Will attend West Virginia University in the fall

Ben Martindale

Will take a gap year and work before making further plans

Monticello High School

Katherine Wagoner

Will attend Messiah College in the fall

St. Anne's Belfield High School

John Brown

Will attend the University of Richmond in the fall

Western Albemarle High School

Lindsey Belt

Will attend PVCC in the fall

Blue Ridge Community College

Marshall Payne

Associate's Degree; will attend the University of Virginia in the fall

Houston Baptist University

Carol Leigh Anderson

Bachelor's Degree in Business Management

James Madison University

Katherine Gaines

Bachelor of Social Work with minor in Gerontology

Austin Payne

Bachelor's of Science; will work for HenoShear Therapeutics



University of Virginia

Mollie Bland

Will return to UVA for post-graduation studies

Tyler Hutcherson

Will return to UVA for post-graduation studies

Dominic Lam Ting Luk

Will return to UVA for post-graduation studies

Melanie Witten

Will attend nursing school at VCU

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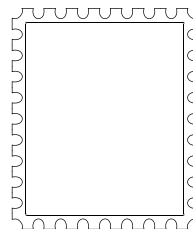
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Variety Show Wednesday, May 18 6:15 pm

* We need 5-6 desserts to use as prizes (cake, pie, cookies, etc.)

* There is still room for acts to be included in the show!

Contact:

Larry Johnson or Laura Morris

Called Church Conference Wednesday, May 25, 6:10 pm

Agenda: Proposed changes to By-laws and Leadership Manual and vote on Senior Minister Search Committee



There is a new feature on the Worship Media page on the UBC website. We are adding the worship bulletin for the Sunday service each week so that radio and audio recording listeners can follow along with the service.

SUNDAY, May 15

- 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:30 Openness Task Force Mtg.
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:30 LTT Meeting
- 6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, May 16

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood
- 1:00 Staff Meeting
- 6:30 Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, May 17

- 9:00 Tuesday Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 12:15 WMU Executive Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 18

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 Supper (Spaghetti)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:15 Variety Show

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, May 11

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
 - 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
 - 1:00 AQPTS (A Quiet Place to Study)
 - 5:00 Supper (Meatloaf)
 - 6:00 Prayer Time
 - 6:15 Interim Reports & Conversation (Gary Dalton & LTT)
 - 6:15 Children's Activities
 - 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- ### THURSDAY, May 12
- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group
 - 1:00 AQPTS

Wednesday, May 18

5:00 Supper: Spaghetti, Tossed salad, Garlic bread

6:15 Program: Variety Show