

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 4, 2016

11:00 am



Sermon:

“The Family We Choose”
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Mark 3:19b-21, 31-35

Anthem:

The Majesty and Glory — Fetteke

Deacons: *Debra Bryant, Anne Keith, Ed Lowry, Joe Zhu, John Buchanan, Martha Ballenger, Raynell Stokes, Scott Miller, Peter Ohlms

Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Peachie Mays, Jen Bates, Will Wagoner

Children’s Church: Erin Brown

Ushers for September: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewning, Martha Wood, Jack Wilkerson, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Pam & Jim Hallissy

Medical On-call: Lu Overbeck

The Word

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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.

I very much appreciate your kind affirmations of the “Re-Connect” letter which went out last week in which I shared my own “re-connect” story. One of my personal convictions which came out of that time was, henceforth, I would offer a witness which is true to my own experience of God in as responsible a manner as circumstances allow. Circumstances sometime lead me to say nothing or only a little or a little more in one place than in another. To me, that’s being responsible.

What is unacceptable is to share an untrue witness. I don’t mean that you or I would lie or exaggerate or shave off what’s inconvenient to say, but being untrue because we are afraid to speak truthfully of how we know and experience God in the present day. But what testimony is there that God would have us offer other than God as we ourselves know the Divine Presence today?

We so often speak of faith as a generic quantity of trust in God — you have faith, I have faith, all God’s children have faith. Pop open the souls of any random group of believers, and there you’ll find this homogenous commodity called ‘faith’. . . Is this what we mean? We also speak of ‘the Faith’, as in what Christians have historically affirmed as correct, described, and demarcated in precise credal formulation.

Faith has come to mean for me the living, growing identity you and I have in Christ: we are one way and not another because of Christ present within us; we lean into life, or withdraw, circle around or retreat, because of the Christ-Life aborning in our souls; the Christ-Spirit intones and our spirits resonate in call-and-answer song.

Or we don’t. We disconnect. What is possible lies dormant. In God’s Eternity, of course, there is time aplenty to pick up with Christ. But who delays joy for no good reason? Do you have any good reason to delay joy in Christ?

So this is what these few weeks are about. We want to pick up the ends left loose or unraveled or frayed in all of us, making connection where we need, aspiring to a living and true faith. These weeks are about being what we wish and need to make here at University Baptist as a faith community sharing Jesus with-in each and among all.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
~ Gary

Re-Connect

- with Christ
- with Community
- with Confidence

Sunday, Sept. 11, 11:00 am
Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:00 am
Sunday, Sept. 25, 11:00 am



We hope to see YOU there!



Called Church Conference

Wednesday, August 31
6:00 pm

- Vote on the Nominating Committee report for the 2016-2017 Church Year
- Ministry Staff Updates
- Deacon Ministry Report
- Church Council Report — motions about the Fellowship Committee and Wednesday Morning Work Team.
- Other Committee & Council Reports
- *Vote on Church Council’s Affiliations Task Force recommendation on Bylaw revisions regarding church membership, affiliation, and eligibility to serve in elected positions

Openness Task Force

Congregational Book Study and Discussions

This fall, the Deacons are inviting Sunday Bible Study classes to participate in a church-wide book study and series of congregational conversations. The Deacons and Openness Task Force have chosen the book *Changing Our Mind* by David Gushee for the discussions. We feel that this book is an accessible resource for discussing biblical interpretations about gay Christians, as well as other questions asked of the modern church.

Copies of the book are now available. The church will provide a copy for every household. Audio CD’s are also available at no cost (featuring Jack Averill reading!). Each book will contain an envelope for your convenience should you want to reimburse part or all of the book price of \$13.00. However, no reimbursement is necessary. You may also purchase a Kindle version at Amazon.com.

Sunday, September 18, 8:45 am: Church-wide Breakfast

9:15 am: Congregational Conversation

Sundays, September 25, October 2, October 9, 9:45 am: Individual Sunday Bible Study Class Discussions

Sunday, October 16, 9:15 am: Church-wide Congregational Conversation

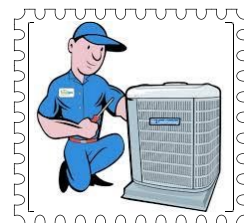
Wednesday, October 19, 6:15 pm: Church-wide Conversation, for members who could not attend the October 16 session

Sunday, October 23: Called Church Conference to vote on next steps

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Concerns

Irene Norvelle — At Home

Thank You

I want you to know of my deep appreciation for the many acts of Christian love shown to me recently. The cards, calls, and concern touched me and helped in my recovery. Your gifts of food sustained my physical strength, and your prayers and words of comfort were my hope for recovery. Thank you for being a caring people.

— Barbara Weber

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tom and Sylvie Moore on the birth of a granddaughter, Joanna Sidney, on August 22, born to Karen and Matt Engelhard.

Wednesday, September 7

5:00 pm Supper: Meatloaf, Potatoes, Peas

6:15 pm Program:

Interim Touch-ups: On the Firing Line With the Ministers

Bible Study at Rosewood

The Monday Adult Bible Study will resume meeting on Monday, September 12, 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.

PBJ Women's Bible Study

(Prayer, Bible study, Joyful Fellowship)
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am
beginning September 14

We will be doing a 5-part study of the Lord's Prayer. Contact Lynn Martin if you are interested. (434-977-8090 or Lmartinx2@comcast.net)



Sunday Bible Study Class

Cavs 4 Christ

9:30 am during the school year
Chris Owens, Leader Room 115

This is a non-denominational discussion Bible-based study featuring the teachings of Dr. John Stott and others in the International Evangelical Movement. Dr. Stott was an English cleric in the Anglican tradition from the latter part of last century. We will explore the premise espoused by Protestant minister Martyn Lloyd-Jones in the 1960's that "true Christian fellowship requires evangelical views on central topics..." We will seek God's leadership in dealing with young adult life in a safe and non-judgmental setting.

The group is focused on the issues confronting student life at UVA, but we gladly welcome all regardless of age, education, or church affiliation.

Study materials and reference copies of the New International Version of the Bible are provided. Coffee and pastries will be served.

AC or Not AC

Despite several repairs by technicians using the most up-to-date diagnostic equipment, we have experienced several Sundays with minimal air conditioning in the Educational Wing of the building. Fortunately, the Sanctuary is on a separate system. Technicians are continuing with their work this week. Thank you for your patience as these repairs are being made.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 25
3:00 pm



UBC
Memorial Golf
Event

UBC This Week



WEDNESDAY, August 31

- 5:00 Supper (Pork loin)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Called Church Conference
- 6:00 Children's Activities

THURSDAY, September 1

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group
- 10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, September 4

- 8:15 Church Council Meeting
- 9:00 Seekers Class Fall Breakfast
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship
- 6:00 Real Life — Youth
- 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

MONDAY, September 5

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, September 6

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail Circle Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, September 7

- 5:00 Supper (Meatloaf)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Activities
- 6:15 Interim Touch-ups: On the Firing Line With the Ministers
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Louisiana Disaster Relief & Response — How You Can Help!

Disaster response teams are assisting homeowners and residents with flood recovery in southeastern Louisiana. If you would like to help, click [here](#) to donate to CBF Disaster Relief.

Pray for the people in Louisiana who are being affected by severe flooding. Pray for the relief workers.



Our 11:00 am
Sunday Worship
service is broadcast
live on radio.