

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 21, 2017
11:00 am

Sermon:

“Three Men Walk Into An Elephant”
Rev. Gary Dalton

Scripture:

Acts 17:22-31

Anthem:

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me — Grassi

Deacons: *Johnny Ellen, Donna Marshall Larry Johnson, Martha Ballenger, Rachel & Scott Miller

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Jen Bates, Catherine Cooper

Children's Church: Katherine Hamel, Joey Hamel

Ushers for May: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewning, Martha Wood, Joyce Martin, Jack Wilkerson

Greeters: Barbara Fuller, Ray Kauffman, Scott Morris

Medical On-call: Clara Belle Wheeler

The **Senior Minister Search Committee** is posting regular updates on the UBC website. These can be accessed [here](#). Please contact any member of the Search Committee with your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

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The Word

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA



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.

What are the odds that General Lee's statue will remain in Lee Park in downtown Charlottesville? For this (almost) 62-year-old white male Virginian, any question of usurping Robert E. Lee's prominence among us simply does not compute. Nothing—I mean *nothing*—in my cultural heritage and training allowed for such a possible resurgence of Northern domination in our Southern city landscape (That last part about Northern domination pretty well sums up my cultural heritage and training).

I remember as a child seeing the *Wallace for President* sign in my paternal grandfather's front yard—and he headed up the reasonable side of my family tree! On my mother's side, well, let me simply say that my maternal grandfather was designated 'robe washer' for the local Klan . . . I'm not being facetious. The local Klansmen entrusted my grandfather with the job of washing their robes and keeping secret which robe belonged to which Klan member. Among the secrets my Papa Motley took to his grave, I suppose, was his formula for washing out the infernal lingering smell of smoke those heavy white cotton shrouds bore of previous fiery nights.

Last Saturday night in Lee Park, the stench of those previous fiery nights of the past broke out afresh. Strapping

young white men with very nice haircuts led an earlier afternoon rally in Jackson Park and used Lee's statue to claim that “as goes Lee, so goes the white race in Charlottesville and beyond.” The torchlit parade came that night to Lee Park. Images of the torches, painfully reminiscent of lynch mobs and Klan terror, quickly went viral across national media outlets. A Sunday night counter-protest by candlelight, featuring the rhetorical flourishes of Vice Mayor, Wes Bellamy, likewise came across this Monday morning's national radio news reports.

So, here you and I are, a community of Christ called University Baptist Church. It's a discomfiting position to occupy, isn't it? In this racially polarizing debate, what responsible witness of our Lord Jesus and his Gospel shall we offer? I've just told you a bit about my familial and cultural racial profile. What is your profile?

What I haven't told you is something I hope you would assume to be true, which is how my cultural heritage contained the seeds of its own destruction. My Southern and Baptist, church-going heritage implanted the Divine Sower's good seed in my soul's soil, weed-choked, bare-beaten, and bird-infested though it was. Thank God that good seed sprang to life, bore fruit, and keeps regenerating, bearing yet more fruit in every season of my life, which, of course, is not my life but which long has belonged to my Lord Jesus. I assume the same is true for you.

You and I, we are our own racial reconciliation projects, gotten underway the moment we publicly professed our allegiance to Christ. Whatever heritage my forebears bequeathed to me stands under the judgment of the eternal inheritance my Savior died and rose again to grant me. Your heritage stands under that same judgment. God grant us the grace-filled wisdom and courage to offer faithful witness to our community as we traverse the inflamed course now laid before us.

Your Senior Minister in the Interim,
~ Gary

UBC VARIETY Show

Wednesday, May 17

6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall



Fun! Entertaining! Hilarious!

Not to be missed! Memorable! Full of Surprises!

* **Bakers get busy!**
We need Pies and Cakes to raffle off.



* It's not too late to share your VARIETY. Contact Larry Johnson (lajohnson1950@gmail.com) or Laura Morris (lmorris@k12albemarle.org).

Gift bags filled with goodies were prepared by kids at OIAM Jr. on April 29 and given to mothers with kids at the UVA Hospital.



Churchwide Cookout

Wednesday, May 24

5:00 pm

Front Parking Lot



Thank you, Youth, for your capable leadership in worship this past Sunday!

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Concerns

Nancy Eaton — UVA Hospital

Suppers in May will be **FREE**. Please consider a special donation to the church in lieu of your regular dinner cost.

Wednesday, May 24

5:00 Supper: Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Baked beans

Pray for all of our graduates as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

WEDNESDAY, May 17

10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
5:00 Supper (Beef Casserole)
6:00 Variety Show
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 18

9:30 Pre-K Play Group
10:00 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, May 21

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:00 Genesis Choir
9:00 Fellowship
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
9:45 Bible Study
11:00 Worship Service
6:00 Real Life
6:30 Paying for College Workshop

MONDAY, May 22

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

TUESDAY, May 23

9:00 UBC Work Team
9:00 Painting Group
6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

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10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
5:00 Church-wide Cookout
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Congratulations, 2017 Graduates!



Charlottesville High School

Ismael Moubossy

Plans to attend PVCC in the Fall

Monticello High School

Emily Morris

Plans to attend Longwood University in the Fall

Chandler Proffitt

Plans to attend PVCC in the Fall



Medical University of South Carolina

Katherine C. Willard

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Piedmont Virginia Community College

Perpetue Moubossy

Associate Degree in Management (cum laude)

University of Virginia

Brett Lissenden

PhD in Economics



PAYING FOR COLLEGE



Free Workshop
by Scott Miller,

Director of Financial Aid at UVA
Sunday, May 21, 6:30-8:00 pm
University Baptist Church

33rd Annual Church-wide Picnic
Sunday, June 11

3:00 pm



At the home of Forrest and Donna Marshall

Touch-A-Truck Event

Saturday, June 17, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Free Event for Kids & Their Families

Explore,
Touch, and
Learn about
many
different trucks!



Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Camp 2017

June 19-23

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: universitybaptist.org/vbs



SUMMER CHOIR

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Music/Lecture Suite

Beginning May 24

Come Join Us!

