

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

October 8, 2017
11:00 am

Sermon:

“Bearing Fruit”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Anthem:

Christ the Vine — Powell

Deacons: *Lynda Tweel, Bill Jesser, Brad Groff, Carolyn & Ed Lowry, Jack Averill

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Colleen Baber, Carter Groff

Children’s Church: Amanda Ohlms, Connor Marshall

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

Greeters: Barbara Fuller, Ray Kauffman, Scott Morris

Medical On Call: Clara Belle Wheeler

The Word

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On Watch

Supporting God’s Work

Recently the local public radio station WVTB began its fall fund drive. They frequently interrupt programs to remind listeners that programming would “not be possible without the generous support of listeners like you.” Hearing the fund drive reminds of the way we support God’s work at University Baptist Church. Every ministry we have is because of the generous support of members like you.

I do not often think about this, but every dollar we give makes a difference in God’s work. Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour until all of it was leavened” (Matthew 13:33). Yeast is very small. Fleischmann’s Active Dry Yeast comes in packets. I have used it before. Just a little bit makes a big difference. Our gifts to God have a big impact on our world.

Years ago a minister and friend of mine named Joe Kutter wrote a column in his church newsletter. He addressed the critique, “The church is always asking for money!” In his column, he responded, “Yes! And I am glad it is!” His reasoning was God’s work requires resources. If we believe in what we say, sing, and pray each week, we can joyfully support it. If the church were not asking for money, it would be a dying church. If we do not tell people about opportunities to give, we deprive them of the chance to join God’s Kingdom work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 says, “The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

Very soon the Stewardship Committee will begin its work. As a congregation, we can get ahead of them. We can intertwine our faith journey with our financial support for God’s ministry. We can begin prayerfully considering what we will pledge next year. But before we do, we can look back at how we have supported the church this year. Are we giving what God has called us to give? Writing this column has led me to evaluate how I support God’s ministry at 1223 West Main St., Charlottesville. And I feel God leading me to increase my giving.

I believe in what we do. I want to see it grow. I want to share God’s grace and mercy with more people in our community. Together we can join what God is already doing in our community. We should be excited about supporting it!

Peace,
~ Matt

Join us Sundays after worship for
Coffee & Cookies on the Porch
(weather permitting)



Attention, Youth and Students DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

COME MEET WITH ALBA AND OTHER MUSICIANS
TO HEAR WHAT SOUNDS YOU CAN MAKE TOGETHER!

SUNDAYS, 9:15 - 9:45 am, IN THE CHOIR ROOM



Alma Hunt Offering For Virginia Missions

During October we are supporting the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions. Our Goal: \$3,000

“... Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.
Luke 5:10-11 (NIV)



This offering supports ministries in and missionaries from Virginia. A portion of the money goes back to the local associations. Since the CVBA (Central Virginia Baptist Association) supports the chaplain ministry, that means our contributions will be supporting the Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women.

Venable Backpack Mission Project

The Venable Backpack Program provides a backpack of food each Friday to children at Venable School who receive free lunch at school during the week, but don’t have enough to eat at home over the weekends.



The kids in our Children’s Missions Program on Wednesday nights will be packing the bags to be delivered to the school each week.

You can help by donating food.

- ◆ **Easy meals:** mac-n-cheese, ramen noodles, Cup-o-Noodles, canned soup, canned chicken, Chef Boyardee, etc.
- ◆ **Fruit:** applesauce, individual servings of peaches/pears/mixed fruit, raisins
- ◆ **Milk:** shelf-stable milk in individual servings (like Horizon or Organic Valley)
- ◆ **Juice:** juice boxes, Caprisuns, or other juices in individual servings
- ◆ **Other foods:** individually-packaged breakfast items (cereal, protein bars, oatmeal, grits, etc) and individually-packaged snacks (packs of sandwich crackers, Goldfish, pretzels, popcorn, granola bars, etc.).

We also need brown paper grocery bags with handles to help package and deliver the food to the school.

Collection boxes are located in the First Floor Lobby and Fellowship Hall.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Betty Strickler, who died September 28.

On Call Needs Your Call

Every Sunday morning during the worship service there is someone seated at the back of the Sanctuary ready to respond in the event of a health emergency. This person is trained in the use of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator), a device used to treat sudden cardiac arrest.

We need a few more people who will serve as the "On Call" on Sunday mornings — serving once a month or less. We are looking for anyone who is an EMT, MD, Paramedic, Nurse, or has other medical training, who knows how to use the AED or is willing to learn.

Contact Sally Chewing.
saeskins@gmail.com or 434-984-6744

Help Needed

We need volunteers to provide a light supper on Sunday evenings for the Youth Group and Jubilate. You can sign up online or contact Alba Beasley for more information.

Collected to Date

Offering for Virginia Missions	\$ 855
VA Baptist Disaster Response	\$6,511



**VIRGINIA BAPTIST
 DISASTER RESPONSE**

Web page

Facebook

Please join us in continuing to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

- Pray for the victims, the local officials, and for those who strive to be the hands and feet of God as they offer comfort and relief and begin the rebuilding process.
- Give financially. **Make your check out to UBC and designate it for Harvey Flood Relief.**
- Join with a friend, class, or group to make **FLOOD BUCKETS & HYGIENE KITS**

UBC will be an area collection center for Flood Buckets (cleaning supplies) and Hygiene Kits for Houston flood victims. Details and lists of supplies to put in the buckets and kits can be found on the UBC website.

Contact Erin Brown or Sarah Wilson for more information.

Wednesday, October 11

5:00 pm — Supper: Pork chops, Stewed tomatoes, Greens

6:10 pm — Program: "Faith as a Journey: Defining the God Who Masters Pt. 2)" — Matthew Tennant

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, October 4

- 5:00 Supper (Salisbury steak)
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Mission Activities
- 6:10 "Faith as a Journey: Living the Journey"
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 5

- 9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, October 8

- 8:30 LSTF Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:00 Ushers' Meeting
- 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
- 6:00 Real Life — Youth Group

MONDAY, October 9

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, October 10

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:15 Staff Meeting
- 12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.

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LOOKING AHEAD . . .



Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, October 25, 6:15 pm

BGAV Mission Matters

Saturday, October 7, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
 First Baptist Church, Waynesboro
 Click here for more information

CVBA Fall Meeting

(Central Virginia Baptist Association)
Sunday, October 22, 3:00 pm
 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church

Coming soon!



Jubilate Variety Show
 Friday, October 13, 7:00 pm
 Sunday, October 15, 12:00 pm

FREE FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL
 Sunday, October 29
 3:00 pm

At the home of Judy and Robby

Bounce House	Face Painting
Crafts	Candy
Games	Food
	And More!