

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

January 10, 2016
11:00 am

Sermon:

“Defining Moment”
Dr. Michael Cheuk

Scriptures:

Mark 1:4-11; Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem:

Creation Hymn - Courtney

Deacons: *David Hendon, Rachel Miller, Elsom Johnson, Jackie Lockwood, John Buchanan, Wayne Ferguson

Nursery Workers: Aimee Marshall, Suzanne Smith, Laura Faye & Carter Groff, Erin Brown, Zach Martindale

Children’s Church: Donna Marshall, Chandler Proffitt

Ushers for January: Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Hugh Ames, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Betty Barker, Nick Troup

Medical On-call: Sally Chewing

Help Us Feed the Hungry

The WMU will be collecting canned goods and cash donations for the Jefferson Area branch of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in January. Collection boxes are located in the first floor lobby and Fellowship Hall.

The Youth will be collecting money for Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1. Checks can be made to UBC and earmarked Food Bank.

At the Christmas Eve service, we collected **\$1,000** for the Food Bank.

We collected **56 “Dinners-in-a-Bag.”** The WMU added a gift card to each bag for meat, and the dinners were distributed by Love INC before Christmas. Thank you for such great support of this important ministry!

Stewardship Pledges for 2016

If you have not returned your Planned Giving Card, you may do so by placing it in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, or calling in your pledge to Sue Walton in the church office (293-5106).



CBF Global Missions

To date we have collected **\$1,905**. Contributions are still being accepted.

The Word

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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

A Word from Michael

To my UBC Family:

During these past months, I have been soul-searching about my role as your Senior Minister and the future of University Baptist. After much prayer and discernment, I have decided to resign. My last day will be January 31.

This is a difficult decision, but I believe it is best both for University Baptist and for me and my family. After over twenty years in congregational ministry, I need a fresh start. In the coming months, I’m going to take a “time out” to clarify my gifts and my passions, and to discern my next steps. As someone who is about to turn fifty, I want to live the second half of my life in the way that is truest to who God has made me. Even though the future has not yet been revealed, I am at peace. I ask that you pray for me and my family as we seek guidance about our future.

I will be praying for UBC as the church seeks guidance about its future. As many of you know, these past months have been challenging for many of us here. A recent church-wide survey revealed that there are concerns over the direction the church is heading. I appreciate the church leaders – including the Deacons, the Church Council, and the Ministerial Relations Service Team – who have stepped up to address our challenges and systemic issues. A lot of attention has also been focused on me, so much so that I believe it has become a distraction and a hindrance to the church’s forward progress. As we enter into a new year, I want to give UBC a fresh start, too. I believe my decision to step down is the best way for the church to accomplish this and move on.

Even though I make this decision with great sadness, I have nothing but love and gratefulness for this congregation. You became our family when Beth and I moved to Charlottesville in 1993. You supported Beth when I was a grad student at UVA. You elected me a Deacon in 1996, and I served as an Associate Minister here for almost nine years. You ministered to us by babysitting Thea and Wesley while I worked on my dissertation. You blessed us as God called us away to Farmville Baptist, and you blessed us by calling us back to UBC.

It has been a privilege to be your Senior Minister for these three years, and to serve alongside a wonderful staff that feels like family. Thank you for allowing me to walk alongside some of you in moments of joy and sorrow – celebrating births, dedicating children and parents, baptizing new disciples, seeking healing in the midst of illness, and burying the saints among us. During our time together, we’ve launched a Ministry Residency program. We’re establishing new partnerships on University grounds and in the medical center. We’re raising up a new generation of leaders in the church, and they are finding new ways to minister at UBC and beyond. May all these things bear abundant fruit in the years ahead.

As we’ve just finished the season of Advent and Christmas, I sense that God is about to birth something new and beautiful at UBC. What we are feeling now are just the birth pangs. As we enter into the season of Epiphany, a season of light and the revelation of Christ to all, I pray that our future in Christ will be revealed – to me and my family, and to you and UBC. May the light of Christ shine with love and hope to you and to University Baptist.

With grateful love, *Michael*

Congratulations!



It’s

Alba Beasley’s



Fourteenth Anniversary

as the Associate Minister for Music and Worship.

Many thanks for another wonderful year (and Pam, too!).

And it’s

Stephanie Corbell’s First Anniversary

as Administrative Assistant in the Church Office.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Mildred Spicer — At Home
Nat Howell — At Home
Barbara Jesser — At Home
Jim Sivley — UVA Hospital

Thank You

Thank you all for your care and concern following my recent fall. The food, visits, phone calls, cards and prayers were greatly appreciated.

— Ruth Dillard

PACEM

January 30-February 12

Orientation is Wednesday, January 13, at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Check the sign-up board for ways you can help.

Wednesday, January 6

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

6:15 Program: Called Church Conference — Report from MRST (Ministerial Relations Service Team)

**PERMANENT
Wednesday Night
Supper Reservations
NEED TO BE
Renewed**

Call the Church Office (293-5106).

Wednesday, January 13

5:00 Supper: Oven-fried chicken, Tossed salad, Corn

6:15 Program: PACEM Presentation and Orientation

Circle Meeting

The Annie Armstrong Circle will meet Tuesday, January 12, at 11:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch and join us!

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Report from MRST
(Ministerial Relations Service Team)

HELP!

We need volunteers to prepare a light supper for the Youth Group and Jubilate at 6:00 on Sunday evenings. For more information or to volunteer, please email [Alba Beasley](mailto:Alba.Beasley) or call 293-5106.

HELP! HELP!

Volunteers are needed to help with the Wednesday night children's programs this spring. **Contact Will Brown if you can help one or more weeks each month or even help just once or twice all spring!**

Women's Bible Study

This group will meet January 13, 20, and 27 for a Bible study on Thankfulness. For more info, contact Lynn Martin (Lmartinx2@comcast.net).

Church Cancellation Policy

In the event of bad winter weather, announcements of any cancellations or changes in worship or church activities will be made on our local TV stations; Radio AM WINA 1070 and FM 98.9, ESPN AM 1450, FM WVTF 89.7, Z95.1, 3WV 97.5, and The Corner 106.1; on the home page of our website; and in our phone greeting message. We will make an announcement usually no later than 8 am Sunday or 1 pm for Wednesday evening activities.



2016

WEDNESDAY, January 6

9:30 Parent's Morning Out
5:00 Supper (Spaghetti)
6:00 Prayer Time
6:15 Called Church Conference
6:15 Children's Activities
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:10 DVD Series

THURSDAY, January 7

10:30 Women's Prayer Group

SUNDAY, January 10

8:30 Church Council Meeting
9:00 Children's & Chapel Choirs Fellowship
9:30 Seekers Bible Study
Joyful Servants Bible Study
9:45 Bible Study
11:00 Worship
6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, January 11

10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, January 12

9:00 Tuesday Work Team
Painting Group
10:00 Staff Meeting
11:45 Annie Armstrong Circle Mtg.
6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, January 13

9:00 Pre-K Play Group
10:00 Women's Bible Study
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6:00 Prayer Time
6:15 PACEM Presentation
Children's Activities
7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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Pray for UBC and its lay leaders as we make plans during the coming year to move our programs and missions forward in keeping with the mission of the church.

God has called University Baptist Church to minister to the University Community and to the residents of the Greater Charlottesville-Albemarle Community, serving as agents of Christ's love and justice for those in need and offering a vital family of faith.

UBC Mission Statement