

SERVICES OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 11, 2018
11:00 am

Sermon:

“Being Transfigured”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Anthem:

This is My Beloved Son — Choplin

Deacons: *Sarah & John Buchanan,
Bill Jesser, Carolyn & Ed Lowry,
Erin Brown

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Colleen
Baber, Wyatt Minor, Carter Groff

Children's Church: Scott Miller,
Audrey Miller

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

Greeters: Barbara Fuller, Wellford Tiller,
Ray Kauffman

Medical On Call: Sally Chewning

Called Church Conference
Wednesday, March 7, 6:15 pm
Members vote on the 2018 Budget

UBC's Worship Service Is Now Available LIVE Online!

Find the link on our homepage:
universitybaptist.org/

The weekly services are still available
live on WINA 1070 AM and 98.9 FM
and archived on the UBC website.



PACEM

Ends Friday, February 9

Please continue to pray for our
PACEM guests, staff, and volunteers.



Super Bowl on the big screen
PACEM 2018

The Word

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UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

On Watch

An Invitation to Ephesians

On Sunday, February 4, Ed Lowry shared a testimony in worship about his experience reading and rereading Ephesians. Several people told me that they were inspired to go home and read it Sunday afternoon. At our weekly staff meeting, we talked about the difference between reading through the Bible and slowly and carefully reading one passage. Both can be edifying, but they have different results. Thus, I want to invite the entire congregation to read Ephesians.

Reading the entire Epistle takes between 15 and 25 minutes, depending on how attentively one reads. Rereading it takes less time. The third time, new ideas start to show up. The fourth time, the events of the day begin to reflect in the words of the little epistle. The fifth time, themes emerge. The sixth time, various words jump out.

Each reading brings new insights. Each time I reread a passage, I am amazed at the way the Holy Spirit can speak and guide my experience. The Bible is a living book. It speaks to our lives in each generation. New interpretations do not abrogate previous understandings of who God is or what God wants. New interpretations are a sign that God is still God and still active in our world.

In Ephesians, we find...

- “armor of God”
- “Do not let the sun go down on your anger”
- Unity in Christ

- “We are God’s handiwork”
- “Christ Jesus is the cornerstone”
- Salvation through faith Benediction: “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us.”
- And much, much more!!!

Who wrote Ephesians? Probably a disciple of Paul. What is the purpose? We are God’s church, so we have to learn how to be the church. Are there issues in Ephesians? Certainly. E.g., 5:22 presents problems for egalitarian Christ-followers. However, if we do the hermeneutical work, we find mutuality and an uplifting message in 5:21-33. As an exercise, try switching the words husband and wife and reimagine the text speaking to a different milieu than Ephesus at the turn of the first century. Thus, 5:33 reads, “Each of you, however, should love her husband as herself, and a husband should respect his wife.”

We can explore hermeneutics and biblical exercises more in the future. For now, let us get into the text. As a congregation, let us read Ephesians. Let us read again and again. When many (most?) of us have read it multiple times, let us see what the Holy Spirit does in us.

God is at work and moving at
University Baptist Church!

Peace,
~ Matt

**Interactive
Family Worship Service**
Sunday, February 11, 9:45 am
In the Sanctuary

Everyone is Welcome!



Ash Wednesday Service
February 14, 6:15 pm
In the Sanctuary



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. During the Ash Wednesday service, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshipers. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Carolyn Lowry and her family at the death of her sister, Jane, on February 1.

Youth & Families

**Snow Tubing at Wintergreen
 Sunday, February 25**



Cost is \$29 per person. This is a family event, so feel free to join us! Please let Sarah Wilson know by February 7 if

you would like to attend. More info here: <http://www.wintergreenresort.com/Tubing/>

**Volunteers Needed to
 Provide Sunday Night Dinners for
 Our Youth and Jubilate**

We need folks to provide a light supper for about 25 young people at 6:00 pm on Sunday nights (**especially Feb. 18**). Contact Laura Faye Groff to volunteer, 434-973-3199 or groff3mom@gmail.com.

Save Your Books to Donate Them

The Youth will be having a \$1 book sale (date to be determined). Proceeds will benefit the Youth Summer Mission Trip.



Wednesday, February 14

5:00 Supper: Cane's chicken, Mac & Cheese, Mixed vegetables

6:15 Program: Ash Wednesday Service

UBC 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, 3 WV 97.5, and The Corner 106.1; and on the home page of our website. We will make an announcement usually no later than 8 am Sunday or 1 pm for Wednesday evening activities.



UBC 2018 Budget Schedule

Monday, February 19

Draft budget presentation to Church Council and Deacons

Wednesday, February 21

Mail copies to those without email

Thursday, February 22

Email copies to congregation

Sunday, February 25

Copies of draft budget available

Wednesday, February 28, 6:15 pm

Discussion of draft budget

Wednesday, March 7, 6:15 pm

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**Venable Backpack
 Mission Program**

Every week we pack 17 backpacks for the Venable School Backpack Program to help students who receive free lunch at school during the week, but don't have enough to eat at home over the weekends. That comes to:

- ◆ 34 shelf-stable individual milks
- ◆ 34 breakfast food items
- ◆ 68 lunch/dinner items
- ◆ 34 snacks
- ◆ 34 individual juice items

Your ongoing donations of food and money help us meet this need every week. For a complete list of items go to: [The UBC Website](#)

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

Central Virginia Baptist Association



Women's Retreat

Ask, Praise, Bless

Saturday, February 24

Beaver Dam Baptist Church
 8:45-9:00 am: Registration, Cost: \$10
 9:00 am-2:00 pm: Program
 RSVP: Jeanette McCloud
cvbawomensministry@gmail.com

Lunch provided, Childcare provided

If you would like to carpool to the retreat, contact Anne Keith.

FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY, February 7

- 10:00 PBJ Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 LSTF Meeting
- 5:00 Supper (Ham)
- 6:00 PACEM
- 6:00 Prayer Time
- 6:00 Children's Mission Program
- 6:15 History & Theology of Baptism, cont. — Dr. Tennant
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, February 8

- 9:30 Parent's Morning Out
- 6:00 PACEM

FRIDAY, February 9

- 6:00 PACEM

SUNDAY, February 11

- 8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study, ESOL Classes
- 9:45 Interactive Family Worship
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 6:00 Jubilate
- 6:00 Real Life

MONDAY, February 12

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, February 13

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:15 Staff Meeting
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

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**OIAM 2018, Saturday, May 5
 (Operation InAsMuch)**

This is a one-day, church-wide, hands-on ministry in the community with projects for all ages and interests.

Sign-up Luncheon—Sunday, April 15