

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 10, 2018  
11:00 am

### Sermon:

"Count the Costs"  
Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

Mark 3:20-35

### Anthem:

*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*  
— Farrant

**Deacons:** \*Jimmy Li, Bill Jesser, Carolyn & Ed Lowry, John & Sarah Buchanan

**Nursery Workers:** Judy Gough, Shirley Clark, Katherine Wagoner, Jacob Morris

**Children's Church:** Jeannette May, Chandler Proffitt

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

**Greeters:** Ray Kauffman, Scott Morris

## Deacon Election 2018

If you are not willing or able to serve as a Deacon and would like to have your name removed from the list, please call or email the Church Office by June 7.

The remaining list of eligible UBC members will be published, and members will have until the end of June to vote for seven (7) names on the list. Those elected will begin a three-year term in September.

**Deacons** should be active UBC members who are committed Christians, spiritually mature, active in church attendance and financial support, cooperative, and supportive of the vision, leadership, and various programs of our church.

Church Office: 434-293-5106 or [office@universitybaptist.org](mailto:office@universitybaptist.org)

## 34th Annual Church-wide Picnic

Note new date!

Sunday, June 10

3:00 pm Games, Swimming, Fishing, Fellowship  
5:00 pm Egg Toss  
5:30 pm Supper

- Chicken, Iced tea and Lemonade are provided.
- Bring other Meats, Vegetables, Salads, Desserts.
- Deviled eggs are always a great picnic food!
- Bring folding chairs and blankets to sit on.

At the home of Forrest and Donna Marshall, Argyll, Route 20 South  
In case of rain, check the UBC website.



# The Word

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## On Watch

### Becoming a *More Welcoming* Congregation

I would like to invite you to think back to your first experience in the church. Did your parents bring you? Did you grow up in the church? If you cannot remember your first experience in church, think back to your first experience at University Baptist Church. Who invited you? Or, who brought you to church? Where did you become involved? What type of service or activity did you first attend?

How did you feel about those early experiences with the church? What made you feel welcome? Did you have any difficulties to overcome? Could you find everything? Did someone show you around? Did you feel warmth or sense the presence of the Holy Spirit? This thought exercise prepares us to be a *more* welcoming congregation. I write "*more*" in italics because University Baptist is already welcoming. We welcome in the stranger, feed the hungry, house the homeless, and engage in a number of ministries. But, we could be more welcoming. We could be warmer. We could be more engaging, more proactive in our approach to guests who enter God's house at 1223 W Main St.

Why is it important to be a welcoming congregation? In each of us, there is a longing for God. The psalmist writes,

"My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord" (Psalm 84:2). With this desire for God in each of us, we have an opportunity to find God when we gather together for worship. When we come together, we find the glory of the Lord, "A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere" (Psalm 84:10). As a welcoming congregation, we draw people into God's "courts" and they can experience the joy we find in God.

Being a welcoming congregation is a lifestyle. It is looking around the church with fresh eyes. When a first-time visitor asks for help finding, the restroom, do we take the person and show them? If so, is that the end of it? Or, do we make a note that someone was unable to find the restroom? Do we work with the building and grounds committee to make the restroom more visible? Does it need better signage?

Applying the same principle to every encounter with a first-time visitor will yield a more welcoming environment. We will gradually find the silent ways we present obstacles and barriers to finding God's "courts" at University Baptist Church. When we do, we can remove these obstacles. We can draw people in. And, we can become a *more* welcoming congregation.

Peace,  
~ Matt

## Church Affiliation Update From Church Council

Several months ago the Baptist General Association of Virginia (our state affiliation) announced that they will no longer support Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (our national affiliation through which we support mission efforts). At that time, Church Council voted to suspend UBC's payments to BGAV while we gather more information about the situation and review our current affiliations. Meanwhile, these payments are being held in escrow.

Our Senior Minister has attended the annual conventions of BGAV and

Alliance of Baptists, and will attend the CBF convention in a couple of weeks. Our goal is to align UBC with ministry and missions organizations that most closely reflect our values. Matt will summarize and lead us in discussions when he has gathered all relevant information.

We will continue to send money to CBF while these discussions take place. In the end, all funds designated for missions in the budget will go to missions. Please keep Matt and the leaders of BGAV and CBF in your prayers during this ongoing matter as we seek God's will for University Baptist Church.

Debra Bryant, Chair  
Church Council

## JARC Discussions

Sunday, June 10  
9:45 am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 17  
12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 27  
6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**



## Vacation Bible School

June 18-22 9:00 am to Noon  
 For kids who have  
 completed K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Info and registration at:  
[universitybaptist.org/vbs](http://universitybaptist.org/vbs)

**Babylon**  
 Daniel's Courage in Captivity



### Flowers Bring Great Joy!

◆ If you would like to dedicate flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, contact Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date to have flowers placed in the sanctuary during worship. ([sarahbucha@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbucha@gmail.com)) or 434-409-9064) Available Sundays: June 17 and July 15, 22, 29 and many dates later in the summer and fall.

◆ If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how to arrange them, please contact Sarah Buchanan, and join us on the Floral Committee.



Look for the  
 Recycling Bins!

## SUMMER CHOIR

**Wednesdays, 7:00 pm**

(Sanctuary Choir - 6:30)

**Music/Lecture Suite  
 (second floor)**

**Summer Choir program**  
 "Anthems of John Rutter"  
 Sunday, July 22  
 2:00 pm.

*Luncheon for all  
 in Fellowship Hall  
 following Morning Worship*

If you have ever sung in a choir, or have considered singing, or enjoy singing, we hope that you will take this opportunity to . . .

**Join the  
 Summer Choir!**

## Summer Schedules

### Wednesday Night Potluck Suppers and Programs

June 27 — JARC Discussion  
 July 18 — Youth Mission Trip Report  
 August 1 — Church Conference  
 (vote on JARC recommendations)

Weekly Supper and Programming  
 resume August 29  
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### Rosewood Bible Study

Monday, July 2  
 Monday, August 6

Led by Dr. Matthew Tennant  
 Weekly Study will resume Sept. 10  
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### Sunday Morning Bible Study

- ESOL Classes continue
- Joint Adult Class  
 Room 117  
 Video Series, "The Old Testament"  
 with Amy-Jill Levine
- Other Adult Classes will not meet
- Preschool, Children, and Youth  
 will not meet

## Youth

### June 24

Tubing Trip on the James

### July 8-13

Mission Trip to Tangier Island

Sunday Bible Study and Real Life will  
 not meet during the summer.

## CALENDAR

### **WEDNESDAY, June 6**

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, June 7**

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

### **SUNDAY, June 10**

9:45 Combined Adult Bible Study  
 9:45 JARC Discussion  
 9:45 ESOL Classes  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 3:00 Church Picnic

### **MONDAY, June 11**

6:30 Youth Mission Trip Planning

### **TUESDAY, June 12**

9:00 UBC Work Team  
 9:00 Painting Group

### **WEDNESDAY, June 13**

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal