

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

November 18, 2018
11:00 am

Commitment Sunday

Sermon:

"When the End is Not the End"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Mark 13:1-8

Anthem:

Give Thanks and Sing!
— arr. Larson

Deacons: *Jimmy Li, Bill Jesser, Brad Groff, Donna Marshall, Laura Morris, Nelda Vaughan

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Suzanne Smith, Morgan Wagoner, Lindsay Marshall

Children's Church: Katherine Hamel, Joey Hamel

Ushers for November: Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin & Mildred Spicer, Ron Tweel

Greeters: Pam & Jim Hallissy

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewning

Venable Backpack Mission Project

Sunday, November 18

Food Collection in the Worship Service

The Venable Backpack Project 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.

Each backpack, each week contains:

- 2 individual milks
- 2 breakfast food items
- 4 lunch/dinner items
- 2 snacks
- 2 individual juice items

You can help by donating food or making a monetary donation.

(See page 2 for a food list.)

This is an ongoing church-wide mission program.

The Word

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On Watch

Why talk about being 'inviting church'?

In the last few entries in this column, I have explored the idea of becoming an *inviting church*. Several weeks ago, I wrote about reasons people do not invite others to church. Last week, I looked at what it means to be an inviting church. This week, let us ask, "Why?" Why should we invite people to church? First, we will look at scripture. Next week, we will look at the theology behind being an inviting church.

In John 1:35-42, we find a sample invitation. John sees Jesus walk by and says, "Look, there goes the Lamb of God!"

Two of John's disciples heard his exclamation and followed Jesus. Jesus noticed them following and turned around. "What are you looking for?" He asked. John's two disciples asked Jesus where he was staying. Jesus invited them to "come and see." They followed Jesus. Andrew, one of the two, went and found his brother Simon Peter and said, "We have found the Messiah!" Andrew brought Simon to Jesus, and Jesus gave Simon the name Peter. What a disciple he turned out to be!

What if Andrew thought that he should keep his family separate from his religion? What if he compartmentalized his faith? What if Andrew was unsure about what Jesus might teach or say? What if he was insecure about inviting his brother to meet Jesus or thought his brother might find Jesus strange?

People find all kinds of creative ways to avoid introducing others to Jesus. Yet, Peter had an incredible impact on the early church. His brother's introduction might have seemed like a tiny act, but it changed the face of history. In Acts 10, we read about Peter and Cornelius. Then, in Acts 15, Peter shares his experience with the Jerusalem Council and Gentiles no longer had to convert to Judaism before becoming a follower of Christ.

We invite people to church to see and experience Christ. We invite them because we are excited about what we encounter. We enjoy seeing our friends, singing familiar songs, praying and reading the Bible together. When the pieces all come together, we are transformed in Christ.

We do not come to church out of habit. Or, if we do, then we should seek transformation and come because of what we experience in Christ. If Peter followed his brother Andrew to meet Jesus but experienced nothing, he would not be a superhero of the early church.

Sometimes people tell me that they are worried about the future of the church. I am not worried. UBC is God's church and has a bright future. We can join God's movement and follow Andrew's example of inviting others to come and see.

Peace,
~ Matt

Stewardship Commitment Sunday November 18

HARVEST LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 18
following worship

*We will celebrate the holiday season
and give thanks for
Sue Walton's
years of service.*

RSVP by Wednesday, November 14
email or 434.293.5106



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Thank You

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped clear out the books remaining from the book sale! Special thanks go out to the Tuesday Morning Work Team.



— Sarah Wilson
 Youth Coordinator

Audio Team Request

The Audio Team needs volunteers to work the sound board during Sunday morning worship services. Please contact Robby Gough for more information or to volunteer. Training is available, and team members serve once every 4-5 weeks.

Pray for people who just need to know that someone cares.

Venable Back Mission Project Food List

- ◆ **Easy meals:** mac-n-cheese, ramen noodles, canned chicken, 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.).

Children's Christmas Shop

We are collecting small gift items that our children can "purchase" for 50¢ each as Christmas gifts for their family members.

Bring donations to the Preschool Department by Monday, December 3.



ALL proceeds go to the CBF Global Missions Fund.

Real Life (Youth) Will Not Meet

Sunday, November 18.

Wednesday, November 14

5:30 Supper: Ham, Vegetable, Baked apples, HOMEMADE pumpkin pie

6:00 Program: "Missions: Projects"

WEDNESDAY, November 21

NO SUPPER
 NO ACTIVITIES
 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, November 22

FRIDAY, November 23
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Look for the Recycling Bins!



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, November 14

- 10:00 PBJ Bible Study
- 5:30 Supper (Ham)
- 6:00 "Missions: Projects"
- 6:00 Children's Activities
- 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, November 18

- 9:00 Fellowship
- 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
- 9:45 Bible Study
- 9:45 ESOL Classes
- 11:00 Worship Service
- 12:00 Harvest Luncheon

MONDAY, November 19

- 10:30 Bible Study at Rosewood

TUESDAY, November 20

- 9:00 UBC Work Team
- 9:00 Painting Group
- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 6:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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THURSDAY, November 22

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CHURCH OFFICE
 CLOSED



Happy Thanksgiving!

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
 1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV

