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ONWATCH

A New Year & New Experiences with Christ

Last Sunday, I talked about making new year's resolutions. I shared that I do not usually make them, but this year is different. I decided to run more. Then, I promptly fell and cut my hand on my first run in the new year.

The new year is a time to look at things with fresh eyes. What will this year hold? Will it be better or worse than last year? Better, I hope. During seasons of transition, like going from one year to the next, we can look ahead with a sense of optimism. We can ask questions like, what might God do in my life this year?

To personalize it further, what new experiences might we have with Christ this year? God desires transformation in our hearts. We move from where we are to where God wants us to be. As we change, we experience the richness of a relationship with God.

Looking ahead, being transformed in Christ is a journey, not a destination. Thus, in the new year, we can continue to grow and experience Christ in fresh ways. What will that look like? Maybe we will absorb new insights about a passage in the Bible. Maybe we will discover new ways to pray or be God's hands and feet. Perhaps, serving in the name of Christ will bring us a new sense of

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

January 13, 2019

Sermon:

"Pass through the waters"

Rev. Will Brown

Scripture:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22,
Isaiah 43:1-7

Anthem:

"Be Not Afraid"

~ Com. Courtney

Deacons:

Debra Bryant, Debby Johnson, Donna Marshall, Ed Smith, Larry Johnson, Jimmy Li

Nursery Workers:

Carter Gough, Suzanne Smith

Ushers for January:

Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Barry Willard

Greeters: Betty Barker, Alan Hendricks

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewning

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, January 9

peace and joy.

Ed Stetzer writes, "The experience of true gospel community, true fellowship, is a powerful thing." Then, he takes the message further. Essentially, if you are experiencing transformation, if you find a new life in Christ, then others might want it too. Stetzer continues, "Remember, simply introducing people into the relational network of a local church community can be an important aspect of their journey to the faith." This is the power of an invitation. What you have found, another person might find too.

At the start of a new year, there are so many possibilities. When Jesus spoke about God's power to transform people's lives, he said, "With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). Where will this year take us? I cannot wait to see!

Peace,
Matt

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal

SUNDAY, January 13

11:00 Worship Service

6:00 Youth "Real Life"

MONDAY, January 14

6:30 Deacon's Meeting

Save the Date

Upcoming Events

Souper Bowl of Caring
Collection – Feb 3

Myers Lecture Series –
Feb 26-28

OIAM – May 4



PACEM at UBC January 26- February 9

During these two weeks, UBC will be feeding and housing approximately 45 homeless men each night. How can you help? We like to offer personal hygiene items to our guests and are collecting 50 of each of the following:

- toothbrushes
- travel size toothpaste
- chapstick
- hand warmers
- travel packs of tissues
- pairs of long, thick socks

In addition, we are collecting:

- individually wrapped peppermint candies
- cough drops
- journals/notebooks



IT'S **ALBA BEASLEY'S**
SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

*as the Associate Minister
for Music and Worship.*

*Thank you for the
blessings of another
year!*

*And many thanks to
Pam as well!*

- new or gently used adult sized backpacks or duffel bags
- travel size shaving cream
- disposable razors
- travel size hand lotion
- underwear (L and XL)
- plain white T-shirts (L and XL)
- combs
- \$5 gift cards to CVS, McDonald's, or Subway

Any of these items you can donate is appreciated. Collection boxes will be in the lobby on Sundays and Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays. Please send in items by Friday, January 25.

Also, be listening and looking for opportunities to volunteer to help with laundry, stay overnight, set up and take down cots, and pick up linens from the Haven. This ministry takes many hours and many hands. The signup board is outside the office in the lobby. Thank you for your support!



Family PACEM Prep Day January 20, 12:00 pm

Looking for a way you and your kids can help out with PACEM this year? On Sunday, January 20, stick around after church for a pizza lunch in the fellowship hall, followed by family-friendly PACEM projects! We will make welcome cards, bake muffins and cookies, assemble goody bags, and more.

Any questions, contact Erin Brown

Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners resume tomorrow, January 9th. We hope you will join us as we grow deeper in our faith and our relationships with one another. We serve dinner between 5:15 and 5:30, followed by prayer and conversation. All are welcome!



Pledges for 2019

You can still send a pledge card to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Any Changes?

Have you recently changed:
Your address?
Your phone number?

Concerns

Betty Jenkins – in hospice care after a stroke Monday

Jack Averill - at UVA Transitional Care Hospital

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Terry Arey, who died Dec. 23

Sympathy to the family of Trenton Maupin (Sandra Maupin's grandson, Lila Marshall's great-grandson), who died Dec. 22

Sympathy to the family of Alton Moore (Tom Moore's father), who died Dec. 27

Sympathy to family of Jim Turner (Brett Turner's father), who died Dec. 27

Your email?

Please let Pheobe in the Church Office know of any changes so that we can keep our records up to date.

(pbrown@universitybaptist.org)

Need Prayer?

Facebook Live Streaming Sunday Worship Service

When you see a prayer request on the **UBC Facebook page**, please respond to the person and add their request to your personal prayer list.



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, 3WV 97.5, and The Corner 106.1; and on the home page of our website.

We will make an announcement usually no later

Notice a change to The Word? Yes, I am sure you have. Taking over a task that has been done so well for seventeen years by Lynn Martin is daunting, I'm not going to lie. So I hope that you will have patience with me as I stumble though getting the hang of both the content and this new layout and delivery system.

Feedback and suggestions are welcome, you can email them to: kkelley-wagner@universitybaptist.org

than 8 am Sunday or 1 pm for
Wednesday evening activities.

Change

is never easy, you
fight to hold on, &
you fight to let go.



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