

# THE WORD

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## #RationChallenge

June 20, 2019 is International Refugee Day. Currently, more people have fled their homes because of wars and conflict than at any time since World War II. The civil war in Syria has displaced 11.9 million people. In Iraq, nearly 2 million people have fled various crises. In Afghanistan, violence impacted nearly 9 million people. According to the U.N. Refugee Agency, 68.5 million people have been forcibly displaced around the world.

What does this have to do with us? God loves everyone (John 3:16). 1 John 3:17 asks an indicting question, "How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" God calls us to live out our faith. If we know about a brother or sister in need, then we should try to help.

What can we do? First, we can learn more about this ongoing crisis. By reading about it, we can better understand how to get involved. Second, as Christians who want our faith to impact every aspect of our lives, we can write to our Representative and Senators and encourage them to enact policies that help migrants and refugees. Third, we can support ministries to refugees.

This year, I signed up for the Church World Service (CWS) Ration Challenge. CWS operates in many refugee camps and works with partners to deliver food and other services to the people who are forced to flee wars and other conflicts. They sent me a package of the same food a Syrian refugee would receive for one week. From June 16-23, I will live on just these rations. I hope it will spark conversations about this crisis.

If you would like to learn more or find out how you can support ministries to refugees, visit my Ration Challenge webpage (<https://my.rationchallengeusa.org/matthewtennant>), or ask me.

Peace,  
Matt

## ON WATCH

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

May 19, 2019

### Sermon:

"God's Commandment to Love"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

John 13:31-35

### Anthem:

"This Is My Commandment"  
*arr. Shackley*

**Deacons:** Scott Miller, Rachel Miller, Alan Hendricks, Ed Smith, Jim Moore, Johnny Ellen

**Nursery Workers:** Judy Gough, Catherine Cooper, Jen Bates

**Children's Church:** Erin Brown, Matteo Pallini

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

**Greeters:** BJ Blincoe, Jackie Lockwood

**Medical On-Call:** Sally Chewning

## Thank You!

Thank you to our youth for doing such an exceptional job leading worship on Youth Sunday!

If you weren't able to be here, we encourage you to [watch the service on YouTube](#).



## Church Picnic

It's that time of year again! As the weather warms, we are getting excited about our annual Church Picnic, which will be held this year on Sunday, June 2 at 3pm. Donna and Forrest Marshall are hosting us at their home.



3:00 - swimming in the pool, bounce house, fishing, fellowship  
5:00 - egg toss  
5:30 - dinner

- 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.

We hope to see you there!



## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

10:00 PBJ Bible Study  
2:00 Funeral Service for Bob Whitworth  
5:15 Dinner (Chef's Buffet)  
5:45 BGAV Speaker  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

7:00p UBC Softball Game

### SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30 Finance Committee  
9:30 Seekers Bible Study  
9:45 Sunday Bible Study  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Real Life for Youth

### MONDAY, MAY 20

10:30 Rosewood Bible Study  
12:00 Missions Council

### TUESDAY, MAY 21

9:00 UBC Work Team  
9:00 Painting Group

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

10:00 PBJ Bible Study  
5:15 Dinner (Cookout)  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir

*For our most up-to-date calendar, [click here](#).*

## Concerns

Sympathy to the family of Louise Frazier, who died on May 5.

The funeral service for Bob Whitworth will be held at UBC on May 15 at 2pm. Visitation will be at Hill and Wood on May 14, 6-8pm.

### Parking this Sunday

In years past, parking during UVA Graduation has been a real challenge. Fortunately, with graduation now spread across several days, parking is much easier. In addition to the church lots, we are able to park in the 14th Street Garage this Sunday, as usual, so don't let parking fears keep you away this week. See you on Sunday!

### Vacation Bible School

Registration for VBS is now open, and we already have 45 kids signed up! If you haven't registered yet, you can do so by [clicking here](#).

VBS will be held June 17-21, 9am-12pm each day. If you'd like to help, please talk with Erin!

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### ESOL

Our ESOL classes on Sunday mornings have concluded for the semester. Thank you to our dedicated teachers for their excellent leadership! If you would like to participate in this program in the fall, please talk to Will, Jeannette May, or Nell Tiller for more information.

### Recap of Church Council Meeting

At its most recent meeting, Church Council discussed a variety of topics, including details for Alba's upcoming sabbatical this summer and the progress on a potential grant that could help fund building improvement projects. The Personnel Committee reported that it is finalizing covenants for the congregation to approve with Rev. Beasley and Rev. Brown, with the goal that all ministers have covenants in a consistent format. A newly created "action log" is helping Church Council keep up with progress on various initiatives, including the Building Security Task Force that is meeting this month. For more information on these topics or other matters related to Church Council, please talk with Ed Lowry, Church Council Chair.

### Wednesday Nights in May

**Last week** we heard an informative presentation from Terry Maples, Field Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia (CBFVA). Terry shared about various missions efforts and programs of CBFVA, expressing gratitude for UBC's partnership in these efforts. In fact, two upcoming CBFVA events will be held at UBC: the event introducing Paul Baxley (see below) and a youth event to be held next January.



Here is our schedule for the remaining Wednesday nights in May:

- **May 15, 2019 – Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV)**, with presentation and Q&A by Skip Wallace (local BGAV Field Strategist) and David Washburn (Treasurer)
- **May 22, 2019 – Cookout** at UBC (inside or outside, depending on weather)

We begin serving dinner around 5:15, and we'll pause for prayer and announcements a little later. The program will then run from 5:45 until 6:30. The meal is free, with donations accepted. No reservations are required. We hope you will join us for these informative programs and discussions, along with the fellowship we cherish on Wednesday nights.



### Ramadan Dinners

The Ramadan dinners hosted last week at the Wesley Foundation were a big success. These iftar meals each evening averaged close to 100 people, including both UVA students and area residents. Many students expressed their gratitude for this act of support during such a challenging week, when fasting and exams overlapped. UBC joined with other student ministries at UVA to make these

meals possible through the United Ministries organization. Thank you for your prayers and your help.



### UBC Softball is not quite as victorious...

Our UBC softball team is no longer undefeated, after a close game last Friday night. But there's still room on the team for you, if you'd like to join! Just contact Brad Groff at [brad.groff85@gmail.com](mailto:brad.groff85@gmail.com)

### Event with new CBF Executive Coordinator, Paul Baxley

On Thursday, May 30, we will be hosting an event for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia, welcoming Paul Baxley, the new Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). This is an exciting opportunity for people in this area to meet the new leader of CBF. The event will be held 6-8pm in our Fellowship Hall.

### Flowers Bring Great Joy

If you would like to dedicate sanctuary flowers for a special remembrance or celebration, the 2019 Floral Calendar is posted in the first floor hallway. Sign up on the calendar AND email or call Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date. There are several Sundays still available: May 19, 26, June 9, 16, 23, July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 11, and 18. I will order the flowers for \$45, unless you want to provide them yourself. You can drop a check earmarked "sanctuary flowers" in the offering plate, or send to the church office. If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, contact Sarah at 434-409-9064 or [sarahbucha@gmail.com](mailto:sarahbucha@gmail.com) and join the Floral Team.

### Have some free time on Wednesdays?

We are looking for volunteers to help out around the office (answering the phone and the door, welcoming visitors, etc.) from 10 until 2 on Wednesdays. You can sign up here to help on a specific day, or talk to Pheobe: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a45a5ac23abfc1-wednesday>

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