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Milkshakes for Jesus

This Sunday our kids in K-5th grade walked down the corner to Sheetz, to get milkshakes to celebrate the end of the school year. However, it turned into so much more than an end-of-year treat.

On the way, we passed two people who are homeless, both asking for money. One of the kids had the idea that we could bring them milkshakes, too! After some discussion of what flavor we should get for the men, one of the kids decided we should just ask them, so he ran back to get their orders. Only one took him up on the offer, for a vanilla shake. When we got to Sheetz, the kids ordered the vanilla milkshake first, and ran back outside to deliver it before they got their own.

Then, on the way back they decided to give all of the change (and some quarters one of them had in a pocket) to the other man, who was grateful. He thanked each of them and spoke to them a little while. It was so wonderful to see our children take initiative and so passionately give to those in need, just down the street from church. They were truly the hands and feet (and milkshakes) of Jesus. During our closing prayer, back at church, one of the children prayed "God, thank you for letting us get milkshakes, AND share milkshakes with other people." And all of God's people said... Amen.



SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

June 2, 2019

Sermon:

"Legions of the Unjazzed"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Acts 16:16-34

Anthem:

"Teach Me Thy Song,
O Lord"
arr. Courtney

Deacons: Jimmy Li, Carolyn Lowry, Ed Lowry, Michelle Proffitt, Jen May, Shirley Clark

Nursery Workers: Karen Minor, Laura Faye Groff, Carter Groff

Children's Church: Amanda Ohlms, Miles Jolin

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

Greeters: Martha Ballenger, Brad Groff

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewning



Broken Glass and Too Much Pizza

Why do we have youth lock-ins? What is it about spending the night at church that is so appealing to teenagers?

Perhaps it is the freedom to roam the church building, having it all to themselves, instead of being confined to the designated "youth

room.” Perhaps it is the ability to relax and let loose without parents around. Perhaps it is the sheer number of hours available for playing games and eating snacks when the youth meeting lasts all the way until morning.

The lives of our teenagers are full of pressure: to perform well in school, to get into the right colleges, to conform (or not conform) in social situations, to navigate shifting relationships, to broadcast the right image online. Lock-ins give them a chance to step back from some of that pressure, and simply to be: to run around and play games, to deepen their friendships with one another, to develop a sense of comfort and ownership in the church, and just to have fun, no strings attached.

Thank you, Brad Groff and Morgan Wagoner, for helping me with last Friday’s lock-in: participating in the activities, hanging out with the 17 teenagers, and... when one high schooler’s hand went through a window, keeping everyone calm and taking him to the Emergency Room. UBC, we have some remarkable youth, who stayed calm during that small crisis, watched out for each other, got the help that was needed, and processed their reactions together. (On a very related note, thank you to the Tuesday Work Crew for already fixing the window inadvertently broken by that youth’s hand.) Thank you, UBC, for making these events possible: buying the pizza, risking the potential for broken windows, and providing our youth the space to learn and grow and have fun together.

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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, 2356 Scottsville Rd.

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 29

6:30 Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 30

6:00 Paul Baxley CBF Event

FRIDAY, MAY 31

8:00 Softball Game (McIntire Park)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 Church Council

11:00 Worship Service

3:00 Church Picnic

MONDAY, JUNE 3

10:30 Rosewood Bible Study

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

9:00 UBC Work Team

9:00 Painting Group

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

6:30 Sanctuary Choir

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

Prayer Concerns

Martha Williams - UVA

Barbara Phipps - Hospice

Dinner with Paul Baxley, the new CBF Executive Coordinator

This Thursday, May 30, we will be hosting a dinner 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. We hope you can join us!

Sunday Bible Study this Summer

This Sunday morning is the last session that Sunday Bible Study classes (children, youth, adult, and ESOL) will meet before taking a break for the summer. During the summer, we will still have worship at 11:00am, and the nursery will open at 10:30am so that people have time to drop off kids before worship. Many thanks to all the teachers who led Bible Study classes this year!

As in past summers, we will continue to offer a joint adult session each week in room 117 at 9:45 for anyone interested. The group will use a DVD series which will study the daily life of people in the Biblical period. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible School

Registration for VBS is now open, and we already have 50 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 contact Erin Brown: ehallissy@gmail.com

Deacon Elections

Deacon elections will begin in the coming weeks. 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 the Church Office or email Pheobe Brown at pbrown@universitybaptist.org by May 31.

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.

Re-imagining our "Front Yard"

The Church Council is considering a design competition to create "UniBap Pocket Park," a re-imagining of the green space between our parking lot and West Main Street. We plan to invite architects and architecture students to submit designs for a welcoming space. A panel of judges (including church members and representation from the Board of Architectural Review) will choose the winning design for the church to consider. We will build it, and the winner will receive a donation to the charity she or he chooses. If you have any questions or comments, contact the senior minister.

Nominating Committee Survey

As the Nominating Committee begins recruiting lay leaders for the coming year, they welcome your input. How might you be called to serve? Whether it's on a committee or team or another type of ministry, all of us have a part to play at UBC.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey, which can be [found here](#).

"Conversations Toward Reconciliation"

Last Thursday night, several church members attended a community dinner and conversation discussing the challenging topic of race in our community. We heard testimonies from several area ministers and had conversations around the tables about our reactions and our own experiences. If you were unable to attend, watch the Word for further events in the coming months.

Sunday Morning Acolytes

Are you interested in participating in Sunday morning worship? But maybe you don't like reading or speaking in front of a crowd? Please sign up to be an acolyte!

We welcome anyone to participate in worship by lighting the candles and opening the Bible at the beginning of the service. The candles represent Jesus as the Light of the World, and opening the Bible reminds us that God speaks to people through Scripture. These elements of worship are brief, but they are integral to setting the tone for our worship on Sundays. We encourage all individuals, families, youth and seniors to take a turn being an acolyte. You can [sign up here](#) today!

Thank You

The family of Robert E. Whitworth would like to thank everyone for their prayers, notes of encouragement, gifts, cards, and overall generosity during a difficult time in their lives. We are blessed with a wonderful church family! Thank you! Thank you! Sincerely,
Jane M. Whitworth

Thank you from UVA Hospitality House

From a note the UVA Hospitality House sent to UBC after Operation Inasmuch:

"The Hospitality House is now more a home than a house because of the Service Day volunteers spent with us on May 4th. Once again, the University Baptist Church congregation has reached out as a neighbor to help our guests and patients through the difficulties that brought them here for medical treatment."



UBC Softball

The season is underway, with games played most Friday nights (see calendar above for this week's game).

There's still room on the team for you, if you'd like to join! Just contact Brad Groff at brad.groff85@gmail.com

Prayer Request

This summer, Kathy Wilson is going on a 10-day mission trip to Peru, where her aunt and uncle are serving as missionaries. Please pray for Kathy and the team as they travel. If you'd like to help by contributing VBS supplies, a list of needs is available in the office.

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: 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, please contact Sarah at 434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com and join us on 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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