

THE WORD

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First Video Screen Listening Session

ON WATCH

On Tuesday, June 25, a group gathered to discuss why University Baptist Church might install and utilize multimedia screens in the sanctuary. I opened with a reminder of our purpose: sharing God's love. Screens are a tool to show videos (like the last two Sundays) or pictures. Our goal is to use them well. Alba shared how we use various tools in worship and talked about how tools, like the Bible, hymnal, or bulletin, can enhance worship. Like other tools, he proposed that videos can be helpful. Will noted that we currently use pictures and videos and our discussion focuses not on whether or not we will use videos, but how can we do it well. Ed Lowry told everyone about the ad hoc committee chaired by Larry Martin to explore this question. He also described us as being on a journey with various ways to use screens and to use the tool when appropriate.

Before we opened the floor, we addressed the notion of putting words to songs on screens. We have no plans to put lyrics on screens. It seems like everyone has had a bad experience with hymn or song lyrics on a screen. Whether there is a typo or the operator does not keep up with the congregation, I have heard people express that concern again and again. All three ministers reassured those present that we have no plans to put lyrics on the screen.

Someone asked about the impetus for screens. In part, this is an evolution. From bringing flat-screen televisions on carts to putting up screens and using projectors, the church has been using videos and images for a long time.

Some were concerned about the correlation between using video and our worship style. There is no connection. We plan to continue the style of worship we currently have.

Someone mentioned how revolutionary it was when churches started using organs. Another person remembered the concerns about beginning a live radio broadcast. These changes seemed jarring at the time, but they did not diminish the church's ability to be God's salt and light in the world.

One of the most fruitful aspects of the listening session was the way we heard each other. I learned from people's comments. I genuinely

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 7, 2019

Sermon:

"A Story Worth Telling"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Genesis 25:19-34

Anthem:

"Ancient Words"
arr. Courtney

Deacons: Lynne Gardner, Diane Mundell, Johnny Ellen, Lynda Tweel, Michelle Proffitt, Ray Gaines

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Catherine Cooper, Diane Woerner

Children's Church: Erin Brown, Vittorio Pallini

Ushers for July: Cindy Bryant, Shelley Miller, Lily Pallini, Ronda Wiley, Barry Willard

Greeters: Ray Kauffman, Pam Hallissy, Scott Morris

Medical On-Call: Sally Chewning

appreciate the people who took the time to come to the church and listen to one another and express their thoughts. Others learned and gained perspective as they put their concerns into words or heard how other people shared their concern.

Collective exercises like our listening session help congregants grow closer to one another. This is how we can be the body of Christ. We can grow and learn together. We can leave our old selves behind and be clothed in the likeness of God (Ephesians 4:22-24).

I look forward to continuing this journey together when we listen to one another after worship on July 21. Bring your thinking cap and join a brainstorm about positive experiences with multimedia in worship and what good things we might be able to do together.

Peace,
Matt

Further Input on Multimedia Displays

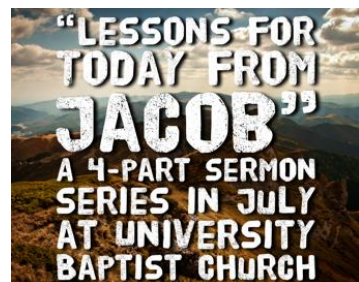


Many thanks to those who gathered last Tuesday night for a productive listening session about the use of video screens in the sanctuary. Detailed notes of the

conversation can be found [here](#).

If you were unable to attend, we hope you can make it to the next listening session, which will be held on Sunday, July 21, after worship. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 12:15 for a time of brainstorming and sharing ideas. What UBC will ultimately decide to do remains an open question, and we value your input about what options there might be. Some questions to ponder: how have you seen screens used effectively? What could be improved about how screens are currently used at UBC (rolling in a cart for mission moments, etc.)? What are different display and installation options if the congregation chooses to go that route?

We hope you can join us on **Sunday, July 21**, for this time of conversation and sharing.



July's 4-part sermon series: "Lessons for Today from Jacob"

- July 7, 2019 - What are some stories that point to God's glory? (Genesis 25:19-34)
- July 14, 2019 - How do we hear God speak? How do we listen? (Genesis 28:10-19a)
- July 21, 2019 - Why do we do what we do? What is our motivation? (Genesis 29:15-28)
- July 28, 2019 - What happens when God grabs ahold of us? (Genesis 32:22-31)

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JULY 2

9:00 UBC Work Team
9:00 Painting Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

6:30 Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Office Closed

FRIDAY, JULY 5

6:00 Softball Game (McIntire)
7:00 Softball Game (McIntire)

SUNDAY, JULY 7

9:00 Church Council
9:45 Combined Adult Class
11:00 Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 8

No Rosewood Bible Study

TUESDAY, JULY 9

9:00 UBC Work Team
9:00 Painting Group
12:00 Annie Armstrong Circle
6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

6:30 Sanctuary Choir

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

Concerns

[Elsom Johnson](#) - MJH
[Nat Howell](#) - Colonnades
[Barbara Phipps](#) -
Rosewood (Greenbrier)
[Martha Williams](#) - home
[Judy Whitt Scruggs](#) - home
[George Payne](#) - home

Learning Opportunity at UBC

We have a unique and exciting opportunity in a few weeks. Many of us have seen on television or read in books about the experiences of transgender people in society, but many of us have had few chances to meet and hear directly from someone with this gender identity.

On **Sunday, July 14**, in the Fellowship Hall, you are invited to a presentation entitled, "*From the Heart: A Transgender Virginian's Story*." Join Donna, a member of Equality Virginia's Transgender Advocacy Speakers Bureau, for a morning of fellowship and learning as she shares her story as a transgender woman, followed by plenty of time for dialogue and questions. Our time with Donna will be the usual Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45am, and we hope that you can join us for this unique opportunity to hear from someone whose experience may be different from our own.

This event will be one of many opportunities to hear the stories of people from various backgrounds. Please let the ministers know if you have suggestions for future speakers who could come and share with the congregation.

Alba's Sabbatical Begins

We pray for Alba and Pam Beasley as they spend six weeks away this summer for Alba's sabbatical. Our prayer is that Alba will be able to rest, rejuvenate, and return to work with new energy. Alba's sabbatical will last from July 1 until August 15. For worship-related questions while Alba is away, please contact Matt: matt@universitybaptist.org

During Alba's sabbatical, we are pleased to welcome Caroline Schetlick as our interim Choir Director. A rising fourth-year student at UVA, Caroline is studying music and statistics, and she comes highly recommended by the music faculty at UVA. You may have met Caroline when she directed the choir on June 9. Please greet her warmly when you see her in worship this July and August.



Ice Cream Social

Save the date! Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 25, at the home of Robby and Judy Gough, beginning at 3pm. Hope to see you there!

UBC Members on Mission

Pray for [Dean Tennant](#) as he serves in Haiti at a medical clinic in Haiti's Eden.

Pray for [Kathy Wilson](#)'s mission trip to Peru, where her aunt and uncle are serving as missionaries

Give thanks for [Roy and Jane Thomas](#)'s safe return from their two-week mission trip to Malawi and Kenya.

Pheobe Brown away

Pheobe Brown, Volunteer Coordinator, will be out of the office June 30-July 12. She and her family are travelling to Ireland. If you need assistance from the church office while Pheobe is gone, call 434.293.5106, or email Pheobe and she will be happy to assist when she returns. If you need immediate assistance, contact Rev. Will Brown wbrown@universitybaptist.org

Deacon Elections

Deacon ballots have been distributed to church members and are due back in the office by July 15. Please take a few minutes to prayerfully complete your ballot and participate in this process of selecting the spiritual leaders of our congregation. Contact the office if you have any questions: office@universitybaptist.org



Soles4Souls

Coming soon: an exciting new ministry opportunity in our community. Our church in the past has collected shoes for "Soles4Souls", and this organization may be a helpful partner in our mission work in Haiti. Church Council has approved the idea of our hosting a collection box, similar to the one pictured, where people can donate used shoes.

What are they wearing??

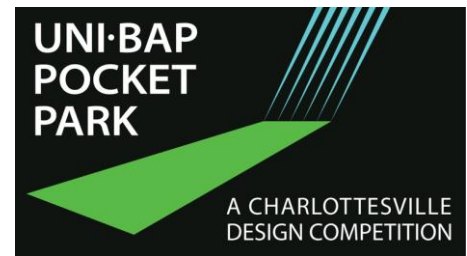
During Sunday morning worship this summer, the choir and ministers will not be wearing robes. This accords with the more casual feel of worship in the summer, as well as the practicalities of warm robes on hot days!

Sunday Bible Study this Summer

Although our Sunday Bible Study classes take a break during the summer months, we offer a combined adult session each week in room 117 at 9:45 for anyone interested. The group will use a DVD series considering daily life in the ancient world. All are welcome.

Competition underway!

The design competition to re-imagine the green space between our parking lot and West Main Street is now underway, with the first expressions of interest coming in. Church Council will recommend to the church a panel of judges, who will select the winning design. With congregational approval, 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. The detailed contest description can be found here: universitybaptist.org/unibap-pocket-park



UBC Softball

The season is underway, with games played most Friday nights at McIntire Park. Come cheer for our team, or contact Brad Groff if you'd like to play: brad.groff85@gmail.com



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. Upcoming Sundays that are still available are July 28 and Aug. 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.

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