

# THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Let Your Light Shine

With a new school year starting and the seasons hinting at a change, life can get busier. When life gets busy, tasks become our focus. Parents prepare lunches and drop kids off at school. Older students rush out the door for class. Adults notice the increase in traffic.

With a busier life, our spiritual focus can take a backseat. It is easy to convince ourselves that studying our Bibles or taking time to pray can wait. I don't know about you, but I have said to myself, "I'll get to it later."

Later rarely comes. Yet, it is exactly when life is busier that we need greater spiritual focus. Traffic can be one of the greatest test of our faith. The temptation to bless other drivers from inside our cars can be overwhelming.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5.14). When life frustrates or stresses us out, letting our light shine can be a challenge. But, that's exactly when we need to let our light shine.

How can we do it? Take the time to pray. Find a short devotion. Download an app like Sacred Space, Book of Common Prayer, 3-Minute Retreat, or d365. Each one is free. Each one takes a few minutes and mixes guided prayer, scripture, and thoughts. If you prefer a devotional book, pick up a copy of "Reflections" or ask Will, Alba, or me for suggestions.

Finding our spiritual focus is not difficult. It is a matter of self-discipline. With some spiritual self-discipline, we can maintain our spiritual focus. Then, letting our light shine will be natural.

Peace,  
Matt

## WATCH

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

September 1, 2019

### Sermon:

"Finding Jesus at Mealtime"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

### Scripture:

Ephesians 4:7-16,  
John 6:35-42

### Anthem:

"O Taste and See"  
*arr. Vaughan Williams*

**Deacons:** Scott Miller, Brad Groff, Diane Mundell, Shirley Clark, Erin Brown, Jim Moore, Donna Marshall

**Nursery Workers:** Judy Gough, Colleen Baber, Lindsay Marshall

### Children's Church:

Jeannette May, Hunter Cooper

### Ushers for August:

Ian Pallini, Ed Barker, Melvin Spricer, Mildred Spicer, Ron Tweel

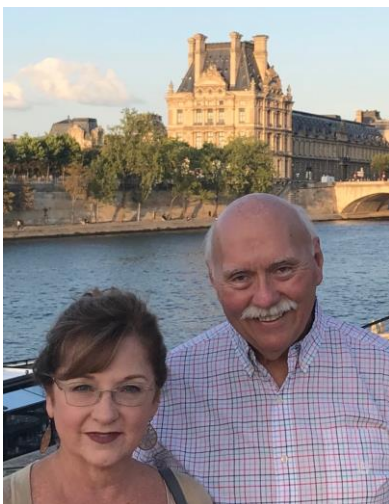
# "Come to Your Senses"

How do we experience the divine? How do our senses deepen our relationship with God? During the month of September, our worship services will be designed to utilize all of our senses. Join us in worship as we sense God together!



## Ice Cream Social

Many thanks to Robby and Judy Gough for hosting our annual Ice Cream Social, to all those who made ice cream, and to everyone who attended! It was a fun--and delicious--afternoon.



## Thank You!

Dear University Baptist Church,

Pam and I want to thank you for the gift of a sabbatical this summer. While we were away, we missed you but were grateful for the time to be together, to rest, to refresh, and to appreciate the Love of God that is all around us and expressed so clearly in you!

We visited several churches and enjoyed the opportunity to experience worship as visitors. We culminated our sabbatical with an amazing trip to Paris that we will always remember being a part of a city that has so much history tied to worship, to music, to art and architecture.

Thank you for your generosity and love for us!  
Pam and Alba Beasley

**Greeters:** Ray Kauffman,  
Jim Hallissy, Scott  
Morris

## CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 UBC Work Team  
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

5:15 Potluck Dinner  
5:45 Church Conference  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 Church Council  
Meeting  
9:30 Seekers Class  
9:45 Sunday Bible Study  
11:00 Worship Service  
6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Labor Day - Church Office  
Closed

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 UBC Work Team  
7:00 Kittie Colvin Trail  
Circle

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:15 Church Dinner  
5:45 Haiti Mission Report &  
Conversation  
6:30 Sanctuary Choir  
Practice

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

## Prayer Concern Updates

Lu Overbeck - at the  
Laurels

Sympathy to the family  
of Hugh Garnett, who  
died on July 29.

### Coffee and Cookies

Join us on Sunday mornings after worship for coffee and cookies on the porch. Use this opportunity to greet visitors and better get to know your church family.

### Youth Real Life

Our youth group will resume weekly meetings on Sunday, September 8, 6-8pm each week. Everyone in grades 6-12 is welcome!

### Serving Dinner

Want to help Jubilate and our Youth? Sign up to re-heat and serve dinner (food provided), 5:30-6:30, on Sunday evenings. Contact the office or sign up [here](#). Thanks!

### Welcoming UVA Students

If you've driven down the Corner this week, you know that students are back in town! One opportunity to welcome them is to invite them to a casual **Student Lunch** after worship this **Sunday, September 1**. (If they sing, encourage them to talk to Alba and join Jubilate!)

Perhaps the most powerful welcome, however, is for members of our congregation to greet students on Sunday mornings with a smile and a "we're glad you're here!" As students adjust to so many changes in their lives at the start of a new school year, the warm welcome of a loving church family can be a meaningful reminder of God's steadfast love, experienced in a family of faith.

### Potluck Dinner - August 28, 2019

Join us for a potluck dinner on Wednesday night, August 28. We'll have a true potluck, so bring whatever you like--entrees, sides, and/or desserts! The church will provide drinks.

### Church Conference - August 28, 2019

Following the dinner at 5:15, we will have a Church Conference at 5:45. Topics will include:

- Approval of the lay leadership recommendations from the Nominating Committee for the 2019-2020 year
- Approval of the panel of judges for the "UniBap Park" design competition
- Creation of the Collegiate Ministry Task Force (with members recommended by Church Council)
- Approval of updated covenants for Rev. Alba Beasley and Rev. Will Brown, with Will's covenant reflecting the shift to three-quarter-time employment

### Wednesday Nights this Fall

Our fall Wednesday night programming resumes on August 28 with the potluck dinner and Church Conference (see above).

Each Wednesday night, dinner will be served beginning at 5:15. We will pray and begin the evening's program at 5:45. Dinner reservations are not required.

Please note that we will not meet for dinner every week, including a break for the month of October. Our hope is to keep the dinners fresh and exciting, without the burden of an unending commitment. Here is our Wednesday night schedule:

- 8/28 – Church Conference
- 9/4 – Haiti Conversation and Report
- 9/11 – Mission Reports: Roy & Jane Thomas and Kathy Wilson
- 9/18 – No Community Dinner. Lecture Series upstairs (reception to follow)
- 9/25 – Collegiate Ministry Town Hall
- *October – Break - No Wednesday dinners*
- 11/6 – Charlene Greene: History of Race in Charlottesville
- 11/13 – Mark Snipes, CBFVA & MLK Weekend
- 11/20 – Church Conference
- 11/27 – No Program (Thanksgiving)
- December programming TBA

## Join Us in Sunday Bible Study

Our regular Sunday Bible Study classes have resumed. If you haven't found a class yet, now is a perfect time to try out a new class, or to get back involved after some time away. All are welcome to join us for study and fellowship, beginning each week at 9:45!

### Preschool Division – Preschool Suite – Ground Floor

- Babies (G11), Younger Preschool (G10), Older Preschool (G09)

### Children's Division - Second Floor

- Grades K-1 (Room 311), Grades 2-5 (Room 212b)

### Youth Division - Third Floor

- Grades 6-12 (Room 303, 305)

### Adult Division (in alphabetical order)

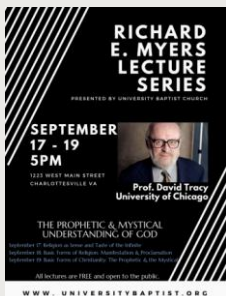
- **English Classes (ESOL)**, Fellowship Hall – English for International students and visiting scholars
- **Kairos Class**, Off Fellowship Hall – Discussion-based fellowship. We are somewhere between 20-somethings and senior adults.
- **Koinonia Class**, Room 117 – Discussion-based coed class, uses “Formations” literature.
- **New Life Class**, Room 115 – Discussion-based class, median adults are especially welcome
- **Open Minds**, Room 120 – Explores a progressive approach to Christianity described at <[www.ProgressiveChristianity.org](http://www.ProgressiveChristianity.org)>.
- **Seekers**, Room G14 – Coed median/senior class covering a challenging range of Biblical studies. This class starts at 9:30.
- **Young Adult Class**, Room 209 – Discussion-based class; undergraduate and graduate students, 20-somethings, and all young adults are especially welcome.

(NOTE: The New Life Class and the Young Adult Class have switched rooms.)

## 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: Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, and Nov 3. 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](mailto:sarahbucha@gmail.com) and join us on the Floral Team.



## Lecture Series

Save the date!  
September 17-19, 5pm

Professor David Tracy will present a series of lectures entitled, "The Prophetic and Mystical Understanding of God"

More information available at [universitybaptist.org/lecture-series/](http://universitybaptist.org/lecture-series/)

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