

THE WORD

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How will a new
collegiate ministry
impact me?

WATCH

In 1971, the philosopher Alan Watts presented a television program called "A Conversation with Myself." In it, he talks about the interrelatedness of everything in the universe. In nature, everything "wiggles"—the hills, the shape of trees, bushes in a breeze, streams following the contour of the land—it all wiggles. When people show up, we try to straighten everything out. We create rectangles. We would prefer for things to stop wiggling. When they stop, we can measure them. We can map them. Once we have data, we think understand them.

As part of the unity and interrelatedness in the universe, we cannot exist apart from it. There is no central point in the universe, but each one of us see the world from our own perspective. In that sense, each one of us is the focus of the universe that makes us exist. Being the center of our own world is not good or bad, it is the way we experience everything.

Thus, when we talk about anything, the question lurking somewhere in our minds is: "How will this impact me?" When we talk about new hymnals, people say, "Is my favorite hymn in it?" When we talked about live streaming, some people asked, "Will the cameras show me?" When we talked about UniBap Park, some people wanted to know if they could approve the final design. We relate everything back to our lives and how it impacts us.

What about a collegiate ministry? If we plan to make it a signature ministry of our church, then please pray that it *does* impact you. How? I don't know. I can imagine asking for volunteers to help with food for college student events. I can picture congregants giving students rides to church and to the

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

January 19, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Seeing Jesus"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Psalms 40:1-11,
1 Corinthians 1:1-9,
John 1:29-34

Anthem:

"Lamb of God"
arr. Christiansen

Deacons: Michelle Proffitt,
Nelda Vaughan, Rachel Miller,
Debra Bryant, Erin Brown,
Shirley Clark

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough,
Shirley Clark, Ewing Minor

Children's Church: Jeanette
May, Vito Pallini

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

Greeters: Alan Hendricks, Betty
Barker

store or appointments. I see opportunities for adopt-a-student or bring-a-student-to-Thanksgiving.

If our signature ministry relates to college students, then I can imagine other changes. For example, we do not currently have a college student area in our church. We have a children's suite. We have a youth room. We have a choir/lecture suite. But, we do not have a collegiate ministry room. (Orange and navy blue paint?) College students will bring ideas and suggestions. Their ideas will impact each of us because we will listen to them and take their suggestions seriously. We will implement some of them, and it might be uncomfortable for those of us who like the way we have always done things. Those changes will, hopefully, be part of our growing pains.

In Galatians 4:19, Paul offers an anguished cry for the people of Galatia. "My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, I wish I were present with you." The image of "birth pangs" points to something wonderful in the future: new life. This kind of pain is a frequent symbol suffering and difficulties. But it is not the end. It points to a bright, hopeful future.

A collegiate ministry will be difficult. It will affect you. Hopefully, it will yield something wonderful for the future.

Peace,
Matt

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 Work Team
6:00 Annie Armstrong Circle
6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

5:30 Wednesday Dinner
6:00 Conversation on Church Finances
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 Joint Deacons & Church Council Meeting

JANUARY 17 - 19

Youth Winter Summit

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
9:30 Seekers Class
9:45 Sunday Bible Study
9:45 ESOL Class
11:00 Morning Worship
5:00 Acoustic Vespers Service
6:00 Jubilate Practice
6:00 Hispanic Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

10:30 No Rosewood Bible Study
12:00 Missions Council Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 Work Team

Congratulations!

Courtney and Geovanny Bonilla on the birth of their baby daughter,
Sabrina Accalia Bonilla on December 31.
Congratulations to Debby and Larry Johnson, the proud grandparents.

MLK Youth Worship Schedule

This weekend's Youth Summit will include several worship services in our sanctuary, featuring a guest speaker and worship band. You are welcome to join us for any of these services to get a sense of what our youth are experiencing this weekend. Services take place the following times:

- Friday, January 17: 8:00pm
- Saturday, January 18: 10:00am and 7:00pm
- Sunday, January 19: 9:00am

Expected extra foot traffic on Sunday

Please note that there may be extra foot traffic in the building on Sunday, January 19, as you arrive for Sunday School. We are thrilled to have so many youth coming to our church for the exciting Youth Summit event, but it may be wise to allow for a little extra time and flexibility as they pack up and we move back in. With their early morning departure, we don't anticipate any problems, but just in case you see a line of teenagers leaving as you arrive... now you know why!

Haiti Mission

Pastor Bertil Rubuns recently sent these pictures from his church in Haiti, along with his gratitude for our church's support of his ministry there. He reports that things are going well in his church and in his ministry, and he prays for God's blessings on our church as well.



CBF's Youth Winter Summit is coming to UBC!

UBC will be hosting the CBF Youth Winter Summit Martin Luther King Weekend (January 17-19, 2020). Youth will begin arriving from all over the state on Friday evening. We need 3-4 volunteers Friday (5-10:30 PM) to help check in youth groups and orient them to the building and surrounding area. Saturday we will need 2 volunteers in the morning to provide directions and navigation assistance (8 AM – 10 AM), 2 volunteers around lunch for directions etc. (11 AM – 1 PM) and 2 volunteers around dinner (5 PM – 7 PM). We will also need 2 volunteers Sunday morning 7:30 AM – 11:00 AM. The groups will hold a large worship service in the sanctuary before departing. Any and all help is most appreciated! We hope to welcome over 300 youth to our community this weekend and we can't succeed without your help!

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Pheobe, pbrown@universitybaptist.org.

Upcoming Richard E. Myers Lecture Series

Who : Prof. Stanley Hauerwas
When : February 4-6, 5PM
What: "Becoming Human:
Theological Exercises in a Barthian Vein"

For further information, see our invitation.
<https://conta.cc/35TJp6N>

A poster for the Richard E. Myers Lecture Series. The text on the poster includes: "RICHARD E. MYERS LECTURE SERIES", "PRESENTED BY UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH", "FEBRUARY 4 - 6 5PM", "1223 WEST MAIN STREET CHARLOTTESVILLE VA", "Prof. Stanley Hauerwas Duke Divinity School", "BECOMING HUMAN: THEOLOGICAL EXERCISES IN A BARTHIAN VEIN", "February 4: The Christian Message in the World Today", "February 5: The Christian Message, The Work of Theology, & the New Humanism", "February 6: Christianity and Civil Society", "All lectures are FREE and open to the public.", and "WWW. UNIVERSITYBAPTIST.ORG". The poster features a portrait of Prof. Stanley Hauerwas and a background of diagonal black and white stripes.

Wednesday Nights in January

We will have two Wednesday night dinners and programs in January. Dinner begins at 5:30 with the program at 6:00.

On January 15, we will have a Community Conversation looking at the overall financial situation of the church, a key consideration in possibly hiring a minister to focus on collegiate ministry.

- Menu: Ham / Baked Apples / Mac & Cheese

On January 22, we will have a Church Conference to approve the 2020 budget for UBC, which includes making a decision about whether to hire an additional minister, and we will also welcome any feedback from the congregation about the proposed new hymnals before making a final decision.

- Menu: Rotisserie Chicken / Mixed Veggies / Salad

PACEM at UBC

We're collection PACEM items and organizing volunteers for meal preparation.

For further information, see our newsletter on Jan. 7.

<https://universitybaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-1-7-Word-web.pdf>

Offering Envelopes

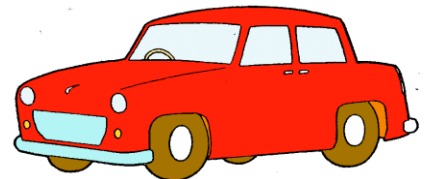
For those who give with offering envelopes, new envelopes have been printed and can be picked up from the Narthex on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please contact Jane in the church office or email her at jkim@universitybaptist.org

Candles in Worship

Do you have any thoughts or ideas about the candles in the Sanctuary? Let us know your thoughts: <https://forms.gle/sZGfUJc9t9HZEmQv7>

Looking for a housing space for Sam's Corvette

Debra is looking for a place to park Sam Mackey's car under cover for an indefinite period of time. If you have a garage or barn etc. with unused space and would be willing to house Sam's 1976 Corvette, please contact Debra Bryant, debra.l.bryant@gmail.com.



The car will need to be driven periodically to keep it in good repair, so access is needed.

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