

THE WORD

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Making Christ Our Priority

ON WATCH

Life can get busy. Multiple phone calls, meetings, and appointments can conspire to fill our calendars. Interruptions, unexpected twists and turns, and new developments throw plans into disarray. Some seasons of life are an endless stream of events. This type of a season can be at the start of a new job. It can come with the addition of a new family member. Births or deaths can bring lots of activity. When life gets busy, letting our spiritual lives move along on cruise-control evolves from temptation to daily reality.

In Luke 5:12-16, Jesus heals a person who is unwell. I compare his work in this passage with the work of the church. When we put our energy together, we often pull off extraordinary ministries. Events like PACEM, the tax prep service, a Haiti mission trip, or the Venable Backpack program are the living works of exhibiting Christ in our lives. When we feed the hungry or provide shoes to the shoeless, we are living as the hands and feet of Christ.

We often focus our attention on ministries or actions. We think, 'What we do points to who we are.' This is accurate, but if we stop there, we end up living out our faith as humanists. Jesus Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit should animate our lives. Each one of us should be able to clearly articulate our motivation. In other words, we should be thinking, 'I serve the hungry because Jesus served the hungry, and he is the basis of my relationship with God. Without him, I do not have a connection to the divine. Thus, Jesus is Lord, and my Lord serves.'

At the end of the healing story in Luke, Jesus withdrew to a deserted place to pray and rejuvenate his spirit. As we follow Christ in our action, we also follow in our spiritual formation. Without Bible study, worship, prayer, and time alone to grow, our actions ring hollow even if they are good. They ring hollow

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 16, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Are You Blessed Yet?"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 5:21-37
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Anthem:

"All Good Gifts"
Schwartz, arr. Leavitt

Deacons: Debra Bryant,
Michelle Proffitt, Shirley Clark,
Jimmy Li, Laura Morris, Ray
Gaines, Erin Brown

Nursery: Aimee Marshall, Laura
Faye Groff, Lindsay Marshall

Children's Church: Donna
Marshall, Christian Proffitt

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

Greeters: Scott Morris, Sue
Sears

because they do not have the spiritual motivation of following Christ.

When life gets busy, growing in faith means making our spiritual disciplines a higher priority. Otherwise, we can form bad habits and set Jesus aside while we serve him. In all aspects of our life, the centering prayer, "Christ have mercy on me," can continue nudging us along the path of spiritual growth.

Peace,
Matt

Administrative Transition

This Thursday is Jane Kim's last day at UBC before she begins a new accounting position with a local business. We are grateful for Jane's time with our church and for the excellent work she has done in this role.

During our search process for someone new to join our administrative staff, we hope that this transition will not disrupt the congregation's ability to receive timely assistance in the office.

- Richard Vaughan, our church Treasurer, will be providing coverage for Jane's financial duties, so you may contact Richard with any financial questions: treasurer@universitybaptist.org
- Will Brown will resume oversight of the Word newsletter, so contact him with any questions, corrections, or additional content for the newsletter: wbrown@universitybaptist.org
- Contact Pheobe Brown with any general office questions: pbrown@universitybaptist.org or 434-293-5106



Ash Wednesday Service

February 26, 2020

5:15pm - Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:00pm - Worship Service in Sanctuary

NOTE: No Wednesday Night Dinner and Program on February 12 and 19. We resume on February 26 with dinner and an Ash Wednesday service.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 Tuesday Work Team

1:00 Annie Armstrong Circle

6:30 Prayer Shawl Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

(NO Wed. dinner or program)

10:00 PBJ Bible Study

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 Deacons Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:15 Sanctuary Choir

9:30 Seekers Class

9:45 Sunday Bible Study

9:45 ESOL Class

11:00 Morning Worship

5:00 Acoustic Vespers Service

NO Youth Real Life

6:00 Jubilate Practice

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

(NO Rosewood Bible Study)

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 Tuesday Work Team

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

(NO Wed. Dinner or Program)

6:30 Sanctuary Choir Practice

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

Prayer Concerns

Gayle Eaker

Ray Kauffman

Ruth Key

Al Holliday

Will and Erin Brown will be away this Sunday spending time with friends.

Congratulations!

Join us in wishing a Happy Anniversary to Al and Lucille Holliday, who will have been married 70 years this Friday!



Lecture Series

Last week's lectures from Stanley Hauerwas centered on the theme, "Becoming Human: Theological Exercises in a Barthian Vein." These lectures drew a crowd from our church, the UVA community, and surrounding churches. Thank you to all who participated.

The next installment in our Richard E. Myers Lecture Series, featuring Remi Brague, will take place March 24-26.

DID YOU KNOW?

A group of Chinese students gathers in our church each Friday evening for dinner, fellowship, and Bible study, providing a sense of community and belonging. This year during PACEM, this group served one of the meals to our guests. Please keep these students in your prayers. Pray for the success and vibrancy of their growing ministry. In addition, many of these students have family and friends back in China who are affected by the outbreak of the coronavirus, which may seem much more distant and abstract to many of us. This is a particularly meaningful time for us to be supporting these students with our prayers.

"I once was lost, but now am found..."

You may have heard that the baby Jesus from our nativity set had gone missing after Christmas. Thank you to all who helped look for him. We are pleased to report that Jesus has been found! We will all rejoice in seeing him next Advent!



Thank You Note

Thanks for all the cards, phone calls, and food during Butch's illness and death. Special thanks to Will, Matt, Alba, and Barbara for the special memorial service. Thanks also to Donna, Michelle, and everyone that provided food and helped with the reception. UBC is a special place.

Thanks,

Diane Woerner, Catherine, Keith, Hunter, and Lauren Cooper

Cville Tax Aid is back!

Cville Tax Aid, a United Way program that provides free tax preparation services to residents of our community with modest incomes, has returned to UBC for another year. Trained volunteers meet with clients in our Fellowship Hall on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings, as well as Friday mornings. This program went quite well last year, and we are pleased to welcome back our volunteers for another year of tax preparation.

Save the Date

Ash Wednesday Service - February 26
Jubilate Tour - March 7-14
Lecture Series - Remi Brague - March 24-26
Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) - April 25
Vacation Bible School - June 15-19

Sunday Dinners

We need some people to help prepare and/or serve dinner to Youth and Jubilate on Sunday evenings. To learn more and sign up, please [click here](#).

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