

# THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Joy and Diligence

This weekend, three moments of celebration and fellowship particularly lifted my spirits. Our youth and youth parents

gathered on Saturday evening to spend time with our new minister—and also to enjoy conversation with one another after months of virtual meetings. Similarly, after the Church Conference on Sunday morning, church members greeted our new minister, congratulated her on the unanimous vote, and welcomed her to our fellowship—while also enjoying time spent in conversation with one another.

Both of these times were uplifting and significant, and my heart rejoiced to be present with members of our church. Yet I also left these gatherings feeling conflicted. Were we being cautious enough? To be sure, we took precautions: the youth met outside, masks were worn at both events, and we tried to maintain distance. But both events carried a risk.

This pandemic demands of us a diligence that is difficult to maintain. The more often we are in one another's company, the safer it begins to feel, even though the risk remains unchanged. As conversations progress, it is natural for us to gradually let down our guard, drifting closer than six feet apart—especially when it's difficult to hear through a mask!

I confess I must constantly remind myself to maintain that distance, to avoid touching my mask, to wash hands frequently, and on and on. This diligence is exhausting. I long for this season to be behind us. Until it is, though, we must persevere. When you come to the sanctuary, please continue to wear a mask, to keep a distance from one another, to refrain from lengthy conversation, and to sit only where the cushions are placed on the pews.

**A WORD**  
from  
**WILL**

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 2, 2020  
11:00 AM

**Sermon:**  
"Will This Be Enough?"  
Rev. Will Brown

**Scripture:**  
Matthew 14:13-21

**Anthem:**  
Celtic Communion  
(arr. Hayes)

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, July 29

7:00 Sanctuary Choir (*Zoom*)

### SUNDAY, August 2

8:30 Church Council Meeting  
(*Zoom*)

9:45 *No Bible Study*

11:00 Morning Worship  
(*radio and livestream*)

7:15 Youth Real Life

Other events and activities are being canceled or modified to be online-only when possible. Please contact your group leader or the Church Office with any questions

Such precautions are unpleasant, but they need not rob us of our joy.

The third moment this weekend that enlivened my heart was seeing a Zoom screen filled with familiar faces, hands raised in affirmation. Despite the necessary physical separation, despite the challenges of technology and the trouble hearing all the words that were said, despite uncertainty about the future beyond this pandemic—despite all of these, our congregation joined together to step fully into the future we believe God has set before us. We walk together in faith and hope and joy, wherever we may be. Thanks be to God!

Peace,  
Will

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### Report on Called Church Conference

We are pleased to announce the results of the Called Church Conference on July 26. By unanimous vote, the church elected to call a new minister to be the Associate Minister to work with our college students and youth. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility in figuring out a Church Conference held partially over Zoom. Because we want to honor our new minister's ability to share news of this transition with her current church, we will wait to publish a full introduction of our new minister in a future newsletter. For now, please join us in praying for her as she begins the transition process, for her current church as they say farewell and celebrate her ministry, and for our church as we prepare to welcome her to minister among us.

### Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to Jo-Ann Averill and family at the death of Jo-Ann's sister, Jean Rice, on July 21.

Sympathy to Jackie Lockwood and family at the death of Jackie's father, Elsom Johnson, on July 17.

Pray for our world, as we all face the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pray for those infected with the virus, for people who are taking care of them, and for all who are especially at risk.

Pray for the unrest in our country and around the world. Pray that we could listen to one another and have Christ-like empathetic eyes.

Pray for our church family, that we may draw closer, even as we keep a physical distance from one another.

### Deacon Update

The following UBC members have been elected as Deacons and agree to serve a three year term:

Johnny Ellen  
Larry Johnson  
Ed Lowry  
Donna Marshall  
Brian Mulcahy  
Raynell Stokes  
Roy Thomas

We appreciate your dedication to UBC and willingness to serve.

### Soles 4 Souls

Our Soles 4 Souls box is still here! Please bring any clothing and shoes you would like to donate. Donations assist in disrupting poverty worldwide. Help us serve those in need, create opportunities and protect the environment!

### Become a YouTube Subscriber

Do you enjoy watching our church services on YouTube? You can find our videos more easily (and help others find us), by clicking the "Subscribe" button under any of our videos. As always, if you need any help with the

The box is emptied about once per month. To learn more, click [here](#) or visit <https://www.soles4souls.org/>

technology, please call the Church Office or one of our ministers.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Join us in wishing some of our church family a Happy Birthday this week!

**July 29:** Wesley Cheuk, Aimee Marshall, Bobby Gough

**July 30:** Lily Pallini

**August 3:** Robby Gough

**August 5:** Donnie Mays



May God bless you all with abundant joy on your birthday and always.

Having a birthday and do not see your name here? Please help us update our records. Contact Lexi to provide your updated information at (434)-293-5706



## Need a Mask??

Volunteers in our church have been hard at work sewing beautiful fabric masks. Do you need one? This expression of love from our talented church members is one way that we can take care of one another. If you do not have a mask yet or if you need another, please contact the church office or one of the ministers so that we can get a fabric mask to you. There are also baskets of masks in the church lobby if you'd like to stop by and pick one up!

## Like to Sew?

We extend our deep gratitude to the volunteers in our church who have already made dozens of fabric masks for others who need them. If you would like to share your skills and join in this effort, call Will Brown or email him at [wbrown@universitybaptist.org](mailto:wbrown@universitybaptist.org)

## Sunday Mornings

We invite you to join us for our Sunday morning worship services either by joining us in person or by worshipping with us from home. The service begins each Sunday at 11:00 am. As always, you can listen by radio on WINA (1070 AM and 98.9 FM), or you can join us online for our live broadcast. To view the live video broadcast, visit our [Facebook page](#) or click [this link](#) to watch on YouTube.

## Online and Automatic Giving

Online giving simplifies contributing by allowing for a specific dollar amount to be sent to University Baptist Church on a specific date, thus decreasing the number of checks you have to write. You can set this up to happen automatically from your bank account, or make a single contribution on our website or Facebook page. For more information, visit [universitybaptist.org/give](https://universitybaptist.org/give) or call our church office.

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