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Update from the Search Committee

The Associate Minister for Students Search Committee is thrilled to announce that we have unanimously selected a candidate to recommend for this new position. The motion from the Search Committee will be voted on at a Called Church Conference following worship on Sunday, July 26th. The congregation will receive additional information in the next week regarding the candidate and plans for the weekend of July 25th and 26th. During this unique time, we will provide a variety of ways for the congregation to meet our candidate and participate in the process, both virtually and in person.

Regathering This Sunday

As you know, this Sunday, July 12, we will open our doors for any members of the congregation to return to worship in person. However, no one should feel any pressure or obligation to return to the sanctuary before they feel safe doing so. We expect a very small crowd, and we will not be "disappointed" in any way if few people are physically present. Continuing to join us by radio or online is a faithful way to participate in the life of the church.

We ask those returning to worship in person to help us ensure the safety of everyone in our congregation by reading and following our [Regathering Plan](#). In particular, take note of the differences when we gather this Sunday:

- Everyone must wear a mask the entire time they are in the building.
- To facilitate social distancing, the red pew cushions will only be placed in pews at specified intervals. When you enter, find a seat with a red pew cushion and sit only with members of your household.
- Hymns will be sung quietly under a mask. Alba will sing at regular volume at a microphone in the balcony, for the sake of those singing with us from home.
- We encourage you to enter via the main sanctuary doors

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

July 12, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:

"Sowing in Apathetic Soil"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Matthew 13:1-9

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, July 8

7:00 Sanctuary Choir (*Zoom*)

THURSDAY, July 9

6:30 Deacons Meeting (*Zoom*)

SUNDAY, July 12

9:45 *No Bible Study*

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

7:00 Youth: Real Life (*Zoom*)

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

by West Main Street. The doors will be propped open so you won't need to touch door handles. Please use the hand sanitizer provided as you enter, and refrain from handshakes and hugs. (This will be hard for all of us!)

- To reduce the paper that multiple people touch, please print your bulletin at home or bring a tablet or smartphone with the bulletin on it. We will not be distributing paper copies of the bulletin. As always, the bulletin can be downloaded at universitybaptist.org/live

We look forward to the day when these precautions will no longer be necessary, but for now we will faithfully do what we must to keep one another safe. Whether you worship with us in the sanctuary or in your home, we look forward to worshipping God together this Sunday.

Church Council Recap

At the Church Council meeting on Sunday via Zoom, lay leaders from our church discussed various administrative matters in the church. The Associate Minister Search Committee shared its excitement about the candidate they are presenting to the church, and Church Council spent time discussing how best to move through this process during a time of social distancing. The UBC Regathering Plan was discussed at length, as we prepare for some members of the congregation to begin returning to the church building next Sunday. Church Council received reports from the committees of the church, our Administrator, and our ministerial staff.



National Missions: Scarlette Jasper

Our Spring Missions Offering this year went to support the work of Scarlette Jasper, one of the CBF Field Personnel working to address rural poverty in the U.S. This year we collected \$2,255 and received this response from Scarlette:

This is so amazing! I will definitely put these funds to good use! There are so many additional needs right now and this will certainly help!! Currently I am purchasing food, hygiene, and cleaning items to be distributed through the Family Resource Centers at the schools in Pine Knot, KY and Oneida, TN. They have their hands full with this pandemic

and trying to help the most vulnerable families. We are also supporting them with purchasing items to help with some summer literacy efforts to help some of the students that are struggling the most. We will be providing items for the literacy bags they are sending home as well as some educational games that promote math and reading/spelling for the families to play this summer. We will be assisting those experiencing homelessness with masks, hand sanitizer, food, and other basic necessities as well as emergency shelter and rental assistance for those with extreme medical issues that make them more vulnerable to COVID-19. Thank you all so much for your partnership, prayers, and support!!

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy is expressed to Paula Price and family at the death of her daughter, Angie Price, on June 30.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

July 8: Ray Gaines

July 9: Lynda Tweel

July 12: Jeanette May, Doc Litchfield, Andrew Mundell

July 13: Amy Cumbia



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

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

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 or call our church office.

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