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Some Thoughts About Ordination

WATCH

As Baptists, we believe in the priesthood of all believers. This means that no one is between us and God. We can pray to God directly and don't need an intermediary. Anyone can proclaim good news. Anyone can participate in worship and serve the Lord's Supper. The basis of our theology is egalitarian—everyone is equal.

With this theological basis, some people might wonder about ordination. Specifically, why do we practice ordination in the Baptist church?

Ordination is the process by which the church sets people apart for specific tasks. In our tradition, we have ordained ministers and deacons. Since we will celebrate the ordination of two new deacons this Sunday, we will consider this type of ordination. In the coming months, we will talk more about ordaining ministers.

Deacon ordination is the rite whereby our Baptist church recognizes and authorizes members who God calls to this ministry. Since Baptist churches are autonomous, we make this decision locally, within our congregation. Upon ordination, we set some members apart by prayer and, traditionally, the laying on of hands. However, we will not lay hands on our ordinands because of the pandemic.

Ordained deacons join the ministry of the church. The word deacon comes from the Greek *diakonos* which means attendant, table waiter, minister, or servant. Thus, deacons perform tasks of service. The old model of a "deacon board" misses this New Testament point. Deacons were never meant to be an executive body. The church ordains them for ministry or service.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 16, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"Seeing Jesus' Glory"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
2 Peter 1:16-21

Anthem:
"The Majesty and Glory"
(Fettke)

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 13
6:30 Deacons Meeting (*Zoom*)

SUNDAY, August 16
8:30 Finance Committee Meeting (*Zoom*)
9:45 *No Bible Study*
11:00 Morning Worship (*radio and livestream*)
7:15 Youth Real Life (*Zoom*)

Other events and activities are being canceled or modified to be online-only when possible. Please contact your group

As we look ahead to our service of ordination this Sunday, please pray for Laura Martindale and Brian Mulcahy. God is already at work in both of their lives. We will affirm God's calling for them as we ordain them as deacons this Sunday.

Peace,
Matt

A Message from Pheobe

UBC Family,

Thank you for letting me get to know all of you during the last two years! I have loved meeting and spending time with you all. I will no longer be able to be a part of the staff due to COVID19 and the continuing school closures. I will miss you all and hope that someday I will see you all out and about town again! If you see us around town on the bike, honk and wave! I wish you all the best as you welcome Val to the family this year!



Ready to Rock!

As you know, we have a number of musically talented youth in our church. Unfortunately, because the pandemic has disrupted our ability to be in close proximity, it has been difficult for musicians to play together, particularly in small spaces. How fortunate, then, that our church has several large spaces where musicians can play!

When some of our youth approached the church about the possibility of a few friends gathering to have a band practice here, we began brainstorming to see how this might work. The Fellowship Hall has plenty of room for spreading out at a safe distance. We quickly realized that we already had some amps, speakers, and cords sitting in a closet. Some youth parents were willing to donate additional equipment we might need, and the pieces began coming together quickly. We now have the supplies in place for bands to be able to come and rehearse in our space. If you're interested, contact the church office so we can reserve the space on our calendar and be sure no other events will conflict.

So... if you find yourself in our Fellowship Hall in the coming months and you hear the sound of guitars and a drum set, don't be surprised to find our talented teenagers (and adults) making music together--with safe social distancing in place, or course!

leader or the Church Office with any questions

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to Mildred Spicer and family at the death of Mildred's brother, John Witter, on August 4.

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

Sunday Bible Study this Fall

As we look ahead to the fall, we know that it is not yet safe for our Bible Study classes to resume in their regular form. This is disappointing, because these classes are important on so many levels. They provide a sense of community, as we share together the joys and challenges of life. They provide a place for fellowship and prayer. And they help us to deepen our faith lives, as we study the Bible and explore the role

of faith in our everyday lives. Even though the pandemic has disrupted our routines, we are challenged now to find new ways to continue nurturing community and growing in our spiritual lives.

Looking ahead to the fall, we are considering several possibilities. As you recall, last spring Matt and Will led a Sunday morning Bible Study, which was live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook. Another option is a more discussion-based option, either church-wide or in smaller groups, using a video platform like Zoom. In the coming weeks, we will be ironing out the details and will share our plans in the Word and online. If you have any suggestions or feedback, however, we would love to hear your input. You can call or email Will Brown at wbrown@universitybaptist.org with any questions or suggestions. Please pray for us as we seek the best ways to use technology to draw us closer to one another and to God.

Thank You Note

From a note we received from a medical interpreter at UVA hospital who has been parking at UBC since early in the pandemic, when we opened our lot for additional hospital staff members: "It all started around April when things were getting bad because of COVID, the shuttle we ride every morning was really crowded and nobody seemed to care much about social distancing. One day when it was my week covering the Pediatric Clinics in Battle Building, some nurses and I were talking about this issue and later on one of them kindly offered me a pass [to park at UBC]. ... What a blessing that pass was! It really was heaven sent not only because it allowed me to park very close to the hospital but also because I felt much safer since I did not have to ride the shuttle.

I can't thank you enough for doing this for us. Please know that your kindness is greatly appreciated."

Welcome, Val Fisk!

We are thrilled that the church voted unanimously on July 26 to call Val Fisk as our new Associate Minister, to work with our youth and collegiate ministries. Val brings energy and experience to this position, and we are excited to welcome her in the coming weeks. Her first Sunday with us will be August 23. Please continue to pray for Val during this transitional time, and pray for the hopeful future God has in store for student ministry at UBC.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

August 14: Kevin Wright

August 15: Freddie Willard, Colleen Baber

August 17: Doris Harlan, Ted Placzkowski

August 18: Piper Kauffman, Theo Gregg

August 19: Emily Caton

August 20: Daniel Harper



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.

Online and Automatic Giving

DID YOU KNOW?

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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