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How do we handle interruptions?

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Interruptions are a part of life. I've been talking with someone when they suddenly say, "Oh. Something just came up. I need to go." Or, I have been the interrupter. I notice the time and realize that I am late for something.

One approach to the interruptions that surround us each day is grace. When someone is abrupt and says, "I need to go," we can choose to be okay with it. We never know what's happening on the other side. It could be an emergency, or it might not. Regardless of the reason, by reacting with grace, we exemplify Christ. If we need to interrupt another person, we can apologize, explain the situation, and, if we are abandoning a conversation, call back later.

Jesus encountered interruptions all the time. Once, he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd. I can imagine that everyone had expectations for him. As he walked along, the blind beggar Bartimaeus called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" People tried to hush Bartimaeus but he kept calling. He was not only interrupting Jesus and the crowd. He was also disruptive.

Jesus did not get irritated. He did not bemoan people always asking him for things. He stopped and stood still. He called the man to him and asked what he wanted. The man said, "I want to see." Walter Brueggemann expands what Mark omits in the man's response. We can interpret the man's response to include him saying, "I want to be whole. I want access to public life. If I get my eyes, I will quit this begging. I want my dependency to end."

Bartimaeus in Mark 10:46-52 shows us one way to respond to interruptions. Jesus healed the man. He took time to respond.

August 23, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"A Long-Lost Letter"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
3 John

Anthem:
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
(Hogan)

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 19
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Practice
(Zoom)

SUNDAY, August 23
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 leader or the Church Office with any questions

We might not have the power to heal. Yet, how we handle interruptions are an opportunity to show God's grace.

Peace,
Matt

Called Church Conference

On Sunday, August 30 there will be a Called Church Conference directly after the worship service. There are several ways to participate:

- 1) In person
- 2) On Zoom (the primary way we anticipate for most of the congregation)
- 3) Watching on YouTube, by special request

Details about how to join the Zoom call will be emailed to all active church members on Wednesday. If you will be unable to join by Zoom, please contact Will Brown. He will provide a link where you can watch the Called Church Conference on YouTube and call on the phone to record your vote. Please contact Will if you have any questions.

Prayer Concerns

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.

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.

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!

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!

Thank-You Note

We'd like to send a HUGE thank you to the sewing team who provided masks for our preschool staff! We are excited about opening our forest school this fall, and are doing everything we can to keep our children, families and staff safe! Your masks have made a huge difference and we are so grateful!

- *CBI Forest School Staff*

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

August 22: Miles Jolin, Daniel Pinkham

August 26: Morgan Wagoner

August 28: Sima Brown, Val Fisk



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

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