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What is the most important question today?

ON WATCH

I wonder what questions we should be asking. Asking the right question can lead us to the right answers. Recently, I was working on an electrical diagram for my sailboat *Life on Mars*. It was time to replace a few parts. So, we reevaluated the entire system that powers the lights, navigation instruments, and communications. After drawing a wiring schematic, I sought advice. I emailed an engineer at Blue Sea Systems—they make a switch I use. I emailed an engineer at ProMarine—they make the battery charger I have. I emailed several marine electrical consultants.

To my surprise, everyone responded. In their replies, they all asked questions. Each question made me think about the system. Some pointed to aspects of wiring that I missed. Other questions reminded me of other parts of the system. Their questions helped me form a better plan. They asked good questions.

What questions should we ask about faith? In our faith journeys, we use various kinds of language. We use informative language to describe God or spiritual growth. E.g. "God is love." We use expressive language to talk about our feelings in faith. Schleiermacher's "religion is the feeling of absolute dependence" is expressive language. It comes up when we talk about our experience with Christ. E.g. "I feel God's presence when I sail." We also use directive language, especially in worship. E.g. "Let us pray" or "Let's stand and sing."

Questions are different kind of language. Questions like, "Where was God when I felt alone," point us back to an expressive response, but that question is also confessional. It admits to a feeling. Questions draw out more information.

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 9, 2020
11:00 AM

Sermon:
"What is Worship?"
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:
Ezra 3:1-7

Anthem:
"Christians, We Have Met to
Worship"
(Larson)

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 5

7:00 Sanctuary Choir (*Zoom*)

SUNDAY, August 9

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

As we ask more questions, we hone our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. This is as important today as at any point in history. What questions should we be asking? Join me in exploring inquiries and seeking God's direction in finding answers.

The future belongs to God and it is bright.

Peace,
Matt

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.

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! The box is emptied about once per month.

To learn more, click [here](https://www.soles4souls.org/) or visit <https://www.soles4souls.org/>

Prayer Concerns

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

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.

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 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!

August 6: Clara Brown, Mary Main

August 7: Ian Pallini

August 8: Donna Marshall

August 9: Shirley Wagoner

August 10: Rachel Miller, Michelle Proffitt, Georgia Anne Wood

August 12: Gayle Eaker

August 13: Diane Woerner, Betty Barker



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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