

THE WORD

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

UBC 2030



August is an exciting time, and certainly the busiest month of the year for youth and college pastors. Our youth spent several days over the weekend in Sevierville, Tennessee, visiting the Dollywood theme park, coming face-to-face with a very unconcerned black bear, and playing many hours of

highly competitive card games (during which we managed to break only one plastic spoon!). This trip was not only a great time with our high school students, but also a great time with the UVA students who joined us as chaperones – thank you, Alexis and Ben, for making this such a fun weekend for us all!

Over the next couple of weeks, I have a variety of appointments set up with students who are returning to UVA after the summer away. Lunch meetings and coffee dates will give an opportunity to reconnect as upperclassmen return to town, and I've received emails from first year students and parents who are interested in finding out how we involve UVA students at UBC. During move-in days next week, I plan to spend three full days outside with our ice cream machine, hoping to welcome any students who pass by with a cold treat and information about our church. (Sign up below to help with these days!)

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 15, 2021
11:00 AM

Sermon:

“Controversial Cannibalistic Faith”

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

John 6:51-58

Deacons: Debby Johnson

Ushers: Sylvie Moore, Tom Moore

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 11

12:00 Soft Serve on the Steps

7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 12

7:00 Deacons Meeting ([Zoom](#))

SUNDAY, August 15

10:00 Bodo's Brunch

11:00 Morning Worship

MONDAY, August 16

8:30 Morning Prayer ([UBC Facebook Page](#))

1:00 Schleiermacher Reading Group ([Zoom Link](#))

TUESDAY, August 17

Each of these events, whether it be with high school or college students, is a small step in the direction we're looking with our discussions about UBC 2030. Some of the students here now might someday be the UBC Deacon Chair, or perhaps end up leading our Finance Committee in 2030! But it is likely that students who attend UBC now will move away after college. My goal as a student minister is to help the students we have *now* fall in love with the Church *forever*. My hope is that we spark a love in these young people that allows them to be Deacon Chair or Finance Chair wherever their lives take them, here in Charlottesville or somewhere else.



Early this summer, Matt and I had a conversation with Mark Snipes, Associate Coordinator of CBF Virginia. We discussed what it means to be a *sending church*, a church that welcomes people into fellowship, knowing that they will be with us for a period of time, but they will eventually leave our congregation for another city or place of worship. How does this attitude as a *sending church* change our interactions with students who come to UBC? What would it mean if we started treating every young person who visits UBC not just as a potential UBC member, but as a potential life-long member of the body of Christ at large? How do we at UBC teach young people to not only be involved here, but to get involved in every church they might attend in the future?

Peace, Love, and Donuts,
Val

P.S. - Dr. Tennant is away on a spiritual retreat this week at Holy Cross Abbey, a Trappist monastery in Berryville. Please join us in supporting his time away by praying for his rest and renewal, and by directing your questions and concerns to the church office this week.



Help serve ice cream on UVA move-in days!

In just a couple weeks, UVA students will be returning to grounds, with many first year and transfer students moving into their dorms between August 18-20. UBC is going to welcome new and returning students in the best way we know how - with free ice cream! We need volunteers to help serve the ice cream each day

9:00 UBC Work Team



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

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

- August 15:** Freddie Willard, Colleen Baber
- August 17:** Doris Harlan
- August 18:** Piper Kauffman, Theo Gregg
- August 19:** Emily Caton
- August 20:** Daniel Harper



Flavors of the Week

- Lemon
- Blueberry
- Lemon/Blueberry swirl

***Follow us on Instagram @abc_cville to vote on our story polls for Flavor of the Week every Monday!**

Prayer Concerns

- Leon Castle- UVA Hospital
- Mac Smith- Martha Jefferson Hospital
- Sympathy to Sally and Nettie Chewing in the passing of Ted Placzkowski, on August 8, 2021.

from 10 am to 5 pm. Students will be moving into dorms from 8-5 each day, and we want to be sure to welcome them with lots of smiles as they pass by with their parents! [Click on this link](#) to sign up for an hour or two, or maybe a couple of hours each day! The more help we have, the more often we can rotate inside for a break from the sun.

Welcome Our Newest Member!

Please join us in welcoming our newest member of University Baptist Church, George Martin! George joined UBC this Sunday by statement of faith, after having made his way to our congregation via his role as umpire in the church softball league. George, we are so glad that you have chosen to commit to doing life alongside of us here at UBC!

Deacon Emeritus

The designation of Deacon Emeritus recognizes Deacons whose service and contributions have been exemplary. The Active Deacons have nominated five candidates to be presented for congregational approval at the next Church Conference (Aug. 18). Each week, we will highlight one or two of these candidates in The Word.

Ed Smith

Ed has attended UBC for his entire life, during which he has held all of the important lay offices in the church on multiple occasions: Deacon, Vice Chair and Chair of Deacons, Trustee, member and chair of the Joint Administrative Review Committee, and a member and chair of the Personnel, Finance, and other committees. He served on the church renovation committee during all three phases of renovation. Ed is the model of selfless commitment and even served for years as chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, which led to his being instrumental in the formation of the UBC Work Team, on which he still serves. Ultimately, he became UBC's volunteer Administrator. Above all, Ed has been the confidant and spiritual encourager of untold numbers of church members.

Provide Dinner on Sunday Evenings for Youth and Jubilate

As we approach the fall semester, plans are coming together for a return of weekly meetings of our youth group and Jubilate on Sunday evenings. UBC provides dinner for these students each Sunday at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You have lots of options for how to provide a meal - you can of course cook for the group yourself in our UBC kitchen! You can pick up take & bake options at Costco; you can put together a giant charcuterie board or nacho bar; you could elect to reheat leftovers from the previous Wednesday evening dinner (we need at least 2 weeks notice on this plan so that Larry Johnson can order extra food); or you can choose to financially sponsor dinners by having Val order takeout for the group on your behalf (Roots Catering, Chipotle, pizza, Jimmy Johns, Mission BBQ - the options are endless!). And "you" does not mean "you alone!" This is a great chance for you to sign up as a family, as a Sunday school class, or with a couple of friends getting together to sponsor dinner and get creative as a group. [Click here to sign up](#) to provide dinner one week this fall.

Richard E. Myers Lecture

University of Virginia Press published the first book from the Richard E. Myers Series, *Making the World Over: Confronting racism, misogyny, and Xenophobia in U. S. History*, is now available for purchase. If you are interested and purchasing a copy, follow this [link](#).

Making the World Over is Marie Griffith's thoughtful response to an imperiled nation that has forgotten how to listen and debate productively, at a time when it needs vigorous discourse more than ever. Griffith performs the urgent work of examining the histories behind the issues at the root of our country's conflicts both past and present, from race and immigration to misogyny and reproductive rights. This is more than a study of the issues; it is an attempt to shed real light on how to encourage constructive dialogue and move society forward.

-UVA Press



United To Worship Dance Ministry presents a Community Praise & Worship event!

There will be singing, dancing, mime, poetry, & food will be served.

When: Saturday, August 28, 2021

From 3pm – 5 pm

(Doors will open at 2:30pm)

Where: University Baptist Church

1223 W. Main St. Charlottesville, VA 22903

Please contact Christine Witcher at 434-443-0882 for any questions!

This is a free event and donations are welcome! Proceeds will go towards

The Haven Day Shelter and PACEM.

We will be following CDC Guidelines for COVID-19 & Mask Covering.

Thank you for your support!

Sunday Mornings

At this point in our pandemic response, UBC is *almost* back to business as usual in our Sunday worship services. We closely monitor the local Blue Ridge Health District COVID reports and the CDC reports each week, and encourage you to make the best decisions for your own safety.

Worship

Our Sunday morning worship service will begin at 11:00 am. We encourage everyone in the congregation to join us in whatever way you feel safe and comfortable at this time, whether in person or virtually. 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.

Masks & Social Distancing

University Baptist Church continues to follow the recommendations of the CDC as they are updated. At this time, that means that fully vaccinated people are welcome to make their own choice about whether to wear a mask, and we request that any non-vaccinated people continue to wear a mask every Sunday. As we

monitor this next wave of COVID cases related to the Delta variant, we will make announcements as needed if our current policies are adjusted.

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